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SPEED'S CONTINENTAL CHARGE

Former Ashford MP Sir Keith Speed has called for a new operator to come in to fill the gap left by Eurostar after it pulled the plug on services to Brussels this week in favour of the newly-operational Ebbsfleet International. **FULL STORY - SEE PAGE 2.**

■ BY IAN READ

RETAILERS in the town's shopping hubs are urging locals to flock to their stores in the run-up to Christmas, as they look to battle a double-whammy of challenges.

Shops say they are fighting an on-going credit squeeze which threatens to get worse over the festive season, and road works on the ring road which have produced snarl-ups around the town.

Yet they remain confident shoppers will be lured in by the variety of shops the town boasts.

Jo James, director of membership services for Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, which represents businesses in the town, said shops were up to the task and ready to impress.

She told Yourashford: "There is no doubt the road works are putting people off. Businesses in the town need our help and support. We are facing a tighter business environment so we need to put out a positive message."

"There is plenty of variety in Ashford and we want people to come and seek out bargains."

With the town's Christmas lights turned on last Saturday and Park Mall's lighting up this weekend, shoppers are already getting in the festive mood with less than five weeks to the big day.

Town centre co-ordinator Viv Kenny also believes road works could have a detrimental effect on Ashford's Christmas unless a concerted effort is made to remind people local businesses need their support.

She said: "We have a wide range of shops which cater for just about everyone. Admittedly, there have been worrying signs in the general economic picture but we need people to come into the town despite the road hold-ups."

As County Square continues its expansion and

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Plea to call in a second operator

■ BY ED HILL

FORMER Ashford MP Sir Keith Speed has suggested another company could run high-speed continental rail services from Ashford if Eurostar refuses to go back on its decision to cancel services to Brussels.

International services from Ebbsfleet began this week meaning an end to services to Brussels. Services to Paris are to be cut in half.

Mr Speed said: "Maybe another company could come along and run a service that we want from Ashford. I am sure there is scope for another company to operate from the station."

The option of having another operator run services from Ashford has also been backed by South East Euro MP Richard Ashworth.

He said: "The immediate future for Ashford International is glum, but its best hope rests with another operator."

"My message to Eurostar is; if you can't provide services from Ashford, step aside and allow someone else to."

Mr Speed, the town's MP from 1974 to 1997, added: "I think, to some extent, Eurostar have never been very keen on the Ashford station."

"It has been not as well publicised as other stations on the network such as Waterloo and now St Pancras."

"If you ask many local people about when the services run and how much they cost they would not be able to tell you."

The opening of the international terminal in Ashford was originally hailed as one of the keep factors in the town's boom town status.

Mr Speed said: "To tell people that



FUTURE: Could Ashford International soon be operating new services to the Continent?

getting to Ebbsfleet is as easy as Ashford is nonsense. We all know how congested the M20 gets.

"You have to allow two hours to get there by which time you could be in Paris."

The choice of Ebbsfleet over Ashford is seen as a kick in the teeth for the town's growth plans.

Mr Speed said: "The government has to make up its mind about Ashford. It is being said it will be a growth area but at the same time the very thing that makes it attractive to people is being cut back."

"Ashford had to put up with the problems of building the link and it has now lost many of the advantages that come with it."

"Brussels is a key station that opens up the whole of Europe to rail travellers."

MPs from around the area are still lobbying for Eurostar to change its decision.

The company says it will keep the situation under review.

Support our local retailers

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improvement plans, chiefs at the centre say trade is already showing signs of improvement.

County Square manager Kevin William said: "Our tenants are reporting that business is picking up and we are looking forward to a good Christmas."

Greg Lumley, centre manager at Ashford Designer Outlet, was feeling in a more confident mood – buoyed by the centre's position on the outskirts.

He said: "Christmas is always a busy period for us and we're looking forward to another good year."

"The road works are necessary and will create lasting benefits for Ashford in the long term."

"We do offer a shuttle service to and from the town centre which could help to ease congestion. Shoppers can get the best of both worlds by parking at the outlet and shopping here, then hopping on a bus and visiting the stores in the town centre."

• **What do you think? Is the town up to the challenge? Where will you snap up your presents?**
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yourashford NEWS IN BRIEF

Police raid properties in sex trade campaign

THREE properties in Ashford have been visited by police as part of an investigation into the sex trade – although no arrests were made.

The investigations are part of a national campaign called Pentameter 2 started by the Home Office and Association of Chief Police Officers.

In all 30 premises in Kent were targeted and 11 people arrested on immigration offences, 13 more were arrested on charges of running a brothel and money laundering.

Man released on bail after fatal shooting

A 49-YEAR-OLD man has been bailed after being questioned over a shooting in Chilham.

The incident, which happened in Canterbury Road, took place at 1am on Sunday. A 41-year-old, who has not yet been identified, was found dead at the scene.

The man, from Canterbury, has been bailed until January pending further enquiries.

Christmas Lights Show

Saturday 24th November 2pm-4pm

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THE BEST MUSIC FOR ASHFORD



Theatre lovers plan to stage an open day

■ BY IAN READ

CAMPAIGNER Jack Cowan is looking for sponsors to help realise his dream of a purpose-built theatre in the centre of Ashford.

And Mr Cowan hopes one day the former Odeon cinema site – now the Mecca bingo hall – will become a showpiece theatre and cultural centre bringing life to the heart of the town.

To reinforce his plans he is planning a special open show at County Square on April 5 next year that will feature everything from choirs to puppet shows.

He said: “The aim is to show that there are plenty of organisations that need a home and that the Odeon would be the ideal home for them.”

Mr Cowan says it is a sin that a town like Ashford which is earmarked for major growth hasn't got a proper theatre.

He looks with envy at places like Faversham and Whitstable which have thriving theatre groups which pack crowds in for their performances.

Yourashford exclusively revealed his campaign to bring a theatre to the town in September.

He said: “At one time the Stour Centre was supposed to be a theatre venue but putting on a play would probably clash with the five-a-side football.”

So far he has formed a steering committee with a few like-minded enthusiasts and he is reinforcing that with an online campaign to promote the theatre project plans.

He said: “We want to provide something Ashford hasn't got but it will have to generate income. We believe when the building isn't being used to put on shows we can use it for conferences or to show films.



Picture: ED HILL

EYES DOWN: Theatre lovers hope that one day actors will be treading the boards at the town's bingo hall

“We want to get the people of Ashford and the councillors on board. We are full of ideas. The open show is the first of many. We would wel-

come ideas from people in the town. We have just got to keep battling away until we achieve our dream of a proper theatre for the town.”

Brave Holly turns on the Christmas lights

THE switch for the town centre lights was flicked on Saturday as shoppers flocked for a festive fun day.

The ‘Child of Courage’ chosen to switch on the lights was Holly Varrall, 17, who has spent many years at the William Harvey Hospital undergoing treatment for a rare blood disorder called Myelodysplastic syndrome.

The disease affects the number of blood cells produced by the body.

Holly raised more than £1,000 for the Padua Ward at the hospital.

Niki Wakefield, who works on the ward, said: “We chose Holly for the child of courage this year due to the fact that despite her illness Holly has always been a cheerful, polite, happy girl who has not only managed to do extremely well in school but has also managed to help the ward and other patients.

“The money she raised helped to create an amazing oncology and adolescent sitting room fully decorated and kitted out with all the latest furniture and electrical goods.

“It has made a huge difference to our ward and all the patients that make regular use of it.

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Find out the challenges faced by farmers because of bluetongue

Fine mess leaflets get us into

PEOPLE handing out leaflets and flyers could soon be subject to a fixed penalty fine and a court appearance.

The proposals put forward by Ashford council would mean that anyone found distributing the materials without a licence could be fined £75. The maximum fine could be as much as £2,500 if the matter goes to the magistrates.

A spokesman for Ashford council said: “These types of materials often end up thrown away as litter, which not only harms the environment but places added pressure on council street cleansing services.”

The ban is proposed to start in January next year.

The council has proposed the new law to crackdown on the amount of free materials distributed around the borough.

Anyone wishing to distribute flyers will have to apply to the council for a permit.

The order would also stop anyone distributing material that encourages illegal behaviour.

Political and religious groups, as well as charities, would be exempt.

Farmers warned over bluetongue ‘epidemic’ threat

FARMERS were given a stark warning that they could be facing a bluetongue epidemic next summer.

Top Dutch expert Dr Dann Dirksen told sheep farmers, at a special meeting at Ashford Market, the disease could be carried across the country by British-based midges.

So far the disease has been confined to a farm at Boughton Aluph, another near Sevenoaks and one near Rye.

But it has played havoc with livestock movement and trade across the borough.

Experts believe the disease, which attacks sheep, cattle and even deer, gained a foothold after a swarm of carrier insects was blown across from Belgium.

Dr Dirksen believes the infected midges will have passed the virus to seven native species, potentially spreading it as far as Scotland.

The meeting was organised by the

National Sheep Association. South East regional secretary Alan West said control zones had worked so far but that wouldn't necessarily be the case next summer.

He said: “I took Dr Dirksen on a tour of Romney Marsh before the meeting and he said it is highly likely that some cases had passed without comment.

“In some cases the animal would have shaken off a mild form of the virus or it might have been misdiagnosed. Bluetongue resembles many other illnesses, including foot and mouth. Dr Dirksen said for every case detected there are 10 others that aren't.

“We don't think it will be possible to find a cure in the next year. At the moment animals in the control zones aren't being moved. We can't hope that a cold winter will kill the disease off because there is no guarantee that it will.”

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Take care of your car so
the thieves don't benefit

POLICE are warning car owners to be extra careful following a spate of thefts from cars in and around the town.

On Saturday, November 17, three cars were broken into on Essella Road, Willesborough. A Ford Focus, a VW Transporter and a Peugeot 407 were targeted and £2,750 worth of goods was stolen.

Earlier the same night a Vauxhall Astra in Scotton Street in Wye was broken into and a car radio worth £150 was taken.

Also, on Thursday, November 15, a Skoda Felicia was raided in Lydd.

Charity collectors enjoy
making children smile

ROTARY Club members in Ashford raised £1,170 for this year's Children in Need.

Eleven members of the club collected donations from around the town including the train station and the town centre.

Four of the members dressed up as animal characters including a kangaroo, a polar bear and, most importantly, Pudsey.

Jackie Allen from the Rotary Club said: "The collectors all had tremendous fun and it was great to see the children's smiles."

Hair stylists give a little
extra at advice session

STYLISTS from Harrisons Hair in Smeeth will be giving out advice at Holiday Extras in Sellindge on November 27.

The team will be demonstrating new styling techniques, giving away samples, and offering free manicures.

The owner of the salon, Sue Harrison, said: "We want to let local businesses know that we are there for them. It is also an opportunity for us to celebrate the third year of our new branch in Sandgate."

The company will soon be launching a loyalty scheme for its customers.

Don't miss the chance to
learn about art group

THE Ashford Art Society is holding an exhibition at St Mary the Virgin Church in the town centre until Saturday, November 24, as part of the society's annual autumn exhibition.

The society was formed in 1958 and will be celebrating its 50th anniversary next year. There are currently over 100 members in the group, who use a variety of mediums including oils, watercolours, photography and sculpture.

For more information and to join see www.ashfordkentartsociety.org.uk.

Road safety campaigner calls for change:
**Please make
them drive
more slowly**

Picture: Ed Hill



A MEMBER of a road safety group is demanding that speed limits be slashed around the borough to prevent the mounting toll of casualties on our highways.

Ted Pragnell, of the national RoadPeace organisation – which campaigns for safer roads – is also demanding a pedestrian crossing be installed on the A28 Canterbury Road in Kennington.

He told Yourashford: "I live on the A28, which is particularly bad for speeding. In Kennington where we have a parade of shops it can be extremely difficult for older people and children to get across the road."

"We have been waiting for a pedestrian crossing ages, but Kent Highways say we can't have one because the traffic along the road travels too fast. This is odd because this is supposed to be a 30mph limit. Somebody should get those drivers to curb their speed."

■ BY ED HILL

According to figures released by RoadPeace, a fifth of drivers travel over 35mph in 30mph zones.

Mr Pragnell said that where he lives on the Canterbury Road there is a busy bus stop which everyone has to cross the road to get to. There is also a pathway to three schools in the area and a large housing estate.

He said: "There really needs to be some sort of crossing."

RoadPeace has campaigned for a 20mph limit across the board in urban areas. Mr Pragnell said the UK should follow the example in Europe.

He said: "In Germany, in the residential areas the speed limit is 30 kilometres per hour which is about 18 mph."

"Speed is always said to be critical when it comes to pedestrians surviving an accident."

"In my eyes when a driver says they are

SLOW DOWN: Many drivers do 35mph in 30mph zones

willing to break the speed limit what they are actually saying is they are prepared to kill someone.

"We treat motoring offences too leniently in this country."

Spokesperson for Kent Highways, Kate Nowowiecki, said: "Following a directive from the Department for Transport, all road speed limits are under review."

"A and B roads will be reviewed first, but we do not yet know precisely when this will be done."

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Boys sprayed in face

A LAUGHING scruff who sprayed two teenagers in the face with what police believe was pepper spray and then ran off, is being hunted by police.

The attack took place near the Tesco supermarket at Park Farm at around 7.30pm on Monday, November 12.

The victims were followed by a man along Moatfield Meadow. As they turned down an alley towards a car park the man sprayed one of the boys in the face with the canister. He then shouted and sprayed the second boy in the face.

The spray caused irritation and burning to the

skin and eyes of the two teenagers.

The man is then said to have laughed and left, carrying the spray in one hand and a can of beer in the other.

He is described as 5ft 7in tall and in his early 20s. He was wearing a white top and black trousers. He was also said to be scruffy in appearance and was unshaved.

Anyone with information should call the police on 01303 289180.

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KISS OF LIFE: Staff at the Blue and White Café on the A20 dished out kisses to raise money for Children in Need

Café girls pucker up for charity

WAITRESSES glammed up by dressing as nurses last week, selling kisses for cash to raise money for Children in Need as Carry On Up The Café hit the A20.

Dressed in skimpy white low-cut uniforms minus the skirt, lacy bras, stockings, suspenders, and with bows in their hair, the girls attracted stunned looks from diners just hoping for a full English breakfast and a mug of tea.

Truckers, motorists and police officers all spent a little extra time over their food at the popular Blue and White Café in Smeeth, as the staff strutted and swayed in high heels.

Café manager Juliette Caryl explained why her girls decided to offer some sexy fun and thrills for a day.

She said: "We wanted to do something for the children's appeal.

"The waitresses here are young and pretty and they have got plenty of sassy attitude.

"They are all very popular with our regulars, so we decided if customers wanted a bit of a laugh they could give some cash for it.

"Many have said how they wanted to kiss

■ BY NICK AMES

the girls – well now they've had the chance."

Juliette's daughter Kirsty, 24, was one of the three young beauties who helped to raise cash.

She said: "We have had loads of men come through the door. Some just can't believe what they are seeing and do a double take – it's so funny.

"We just charge £1 a go and that's it for one kiss. But it was a bargain for a fiver. Anyone paying that got all of us."

Her pal, Kelly Clayson, 16, added: "We had a group of policemen among our first customers.

"They were really up for it – a fiver for a kiss from each of us and then more money as they wanted a photograph to remember it all by."

The girls eventually found time to discuss who was the most popular.

Lianne Smith, 20, said: "I think it's a draw – honours even. And it's not just us youngsters. Juliette has had plenty of attention as well."

Smooch operator gets kiss of his life

INTREPID reporter Nick Ames braved the lip-stick marks to get up close and personal to the cheeky café staff raising money for charity – and you can see what he got up to on our free, broadband TV channel.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Late shopping kicks off countdown to Christmas

LATE night shopping at County Square gets underway next week as the centre's retailers fling open their doors ahead of the Christmas rush.

To mark the first evening of retail therapy, country singer Rosie Home will be providing the entertainment, while there will also be free mince pies, wine and a magician on hand to dazzle the crowds.

Santa's elves will also be on hand to dish out candy canes to children.

Shops will stay open until 8pm every Thursday until the big day.

Frances Burt, commercial manager at the centre, said: "The launch party promises to be a great evening of entertainment. We're really looking forward to getting into the Christmas spirit."

More good news for the town came recently when fashion chains River Island and New Look both confirmed their will be opening at the centre in March.

They will open their doors to coincide with the completion of County Square's refurbishment and expansion.

Supermarket expansion set for seal of approval

PLANS to extend the Tesco supermarket on Park Farm are set to be given the green light by council chiefs this evening.

The store has applied to create more car parking spaces and alter its petrol station – including shifting the location of its car wash.

Ashford council's chief planning officer has recommended the proposals be approved when the planning committee meet at the Civic Centre tonight.

Kingsnorth parish council has spearheaded a push for a pedestrian puffin crossing on Moatfield Meadow, and has called for delivery restrictions to the store between the hours of 9pm and 7am.

Burst water mains turn road into lethal ice rink

DRIVERS were slipping and sliding during Friday morning's rush hour after two water mains burst in Ashford Road, Kingsnorth.

They were caught out after leaking water froze, turning the road into an ice rink.

Conditions became so bad that police had to issue warnings to motorists to slow down as many were caught out by the sudden chill.

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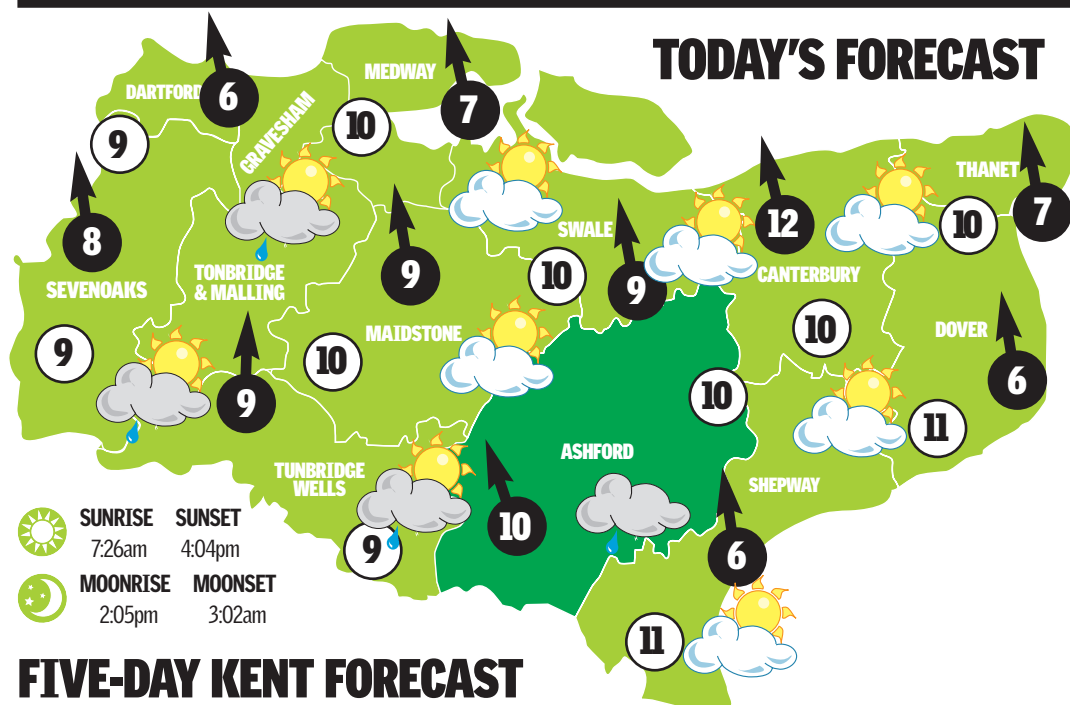
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Chatham	Saturday	11.48am	6.2m
	Sunday	12.37pm	6.4m
Dover	Saturday	10.08am	6.9m
	Sunday	10.54am	7.0m
Dungeness	Saturday	9.56am	7.9m
	Sunday	10.43am	8.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	10.29am	5.3m
	Sunday	11.19am	5.4m
Sheerness	Saturday	11.39am	5.9m
	Sunday	12.28pm	6.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	11.39am	5.4m
	Sunday	12.33pm	5.5m



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	5°C	Madrid	6°C
Athens	14°C	New York	6°C
Barcelona	15°C	Paris	7°C
Beijing	9°C	Rome	11°C
Bombay	32°C	Sydney	26°C
Cape Town	23°C	Tenerife	24°C
Cardiff	8°C	Tokyo	10°C
Gibraltar	20°C	Vancouver	6°C
Hong Kong	22°C	Warsaw	-1°C
Las Palmas	25°C	Wellington	19°C

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	11°C	9°C	5°C	10°C	7°C
Canterbury	10°C	10°C	5°C	10°C	7°C
Chatham	12°C	9°C	5°C	10°C	6°C
Dartford	12°C	9°C	4°C	10°C	6°C
Dover	10°C	9°C	6°C	10°C	7°C
Faversham	11°C	10°C	6°C	10°C	7°C
Folkestone	11°C	9°C	6°C	10°C	7°C
Gillingham	11°C	9°C	5°C	10°C	6°C
Gravesend	11°C	10°C	4°C	10°C	6°C
Maidstone	11°C	9°C	5°C	10°C	6°C
Ramsgate	10°C	9°C	6°C	10°C	8°C
Rochester	12°C	9°C	5°C	10°C	6°C
Sittingbourne	11°C	10°C	5°C	10°C	6°C
Sevenoaks	12°C	9°C	3°C	10°C	6°C
Tonbridge	11°C	9°C	4°C	10°C	6°C
Tun Wells	11°C	9°C	4°C	10°C	6°C

'Enders star drops in to hand out school awards

PUPILS at the Christ Church School received their annual achievement awards from a special celebrity guest more at home in Walford's Albert Square, yesterday.

Former Eastenders star James Alexandrou, 22, who played Martin Fowler in the BBC soap, gave out the awards acknowledging some of the children's achievements over the last year.

Headteacher Catherine Barber said: "This year we wanted to do something different so we decided to let the children decide who they wanted to give out the awards.

"It is great that James agreed to do this as he is someone the children can look up to."

Village gets in the mood for Christmas with fayre

FESTIVE fun will be in abundance when the villagers of Pluckley stage their annual Christmas fayre next month.

The event, which will be raising money for the maintenance fund of the village hall – where the event is staged – takes place on December 1.

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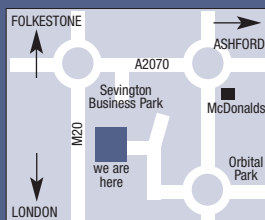
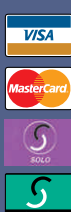
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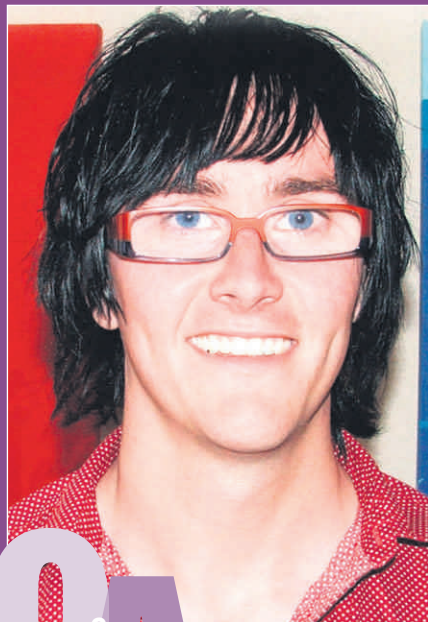
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QUESTION & ANSWER

OLIVER WINCONEK



QA

Oliver Winconek, chairman of Ashford Visual Artists – an organisation representing professional artists across the borough – talks to ED HILL about his work and what role art can play in our lives

Q How long have you been associated with Ashford?

A I have lived in Ashford for the last two years, during that time I have formed a strong bond within the creative community and organised many art-based events.

Q How did you first become interested in art?

A I have always been an artist but it's only in the last three to four years that I have been able to make it my chosen career.

I have pushed very hard to get where I am today; art is all about taking calculated risks.

I firmly believe in bringing art to the people and don't think it should be seen as elitist.

Q Is being an artist these days more about creating controversy or demonstrating your skill in the medium you use?

A I personally think it's a delicate mix of the two. Of course, with any art piece you create, the artist always wants to provoke a reaction, but it's very rarely fuelled by a desire to be controversial and to offend people.

Sadly, people can get caught up in how much of the 'taxpayers' money' the piece cost but very often an artist is working off of their own back and putting in tremendous amounts of their own time and money.

Naturally in creating any piece of artwork

you are demonstrating your skill in your chosen medium.

Q What do you think of the changes that are happening to Ashford? Can art be used to help create a sense of community?

A Dramatic public art projects appear all around the world and can quickly become a big talking point for a town.

It's incredible how an artist working on a piece of art within a community can really get people talking and forming opinions.

Q Recent artworks around Ashford seem to have attracted quite a lot of negative press. Why do you think this is the case? What has been the response to your work entitled 'Nimby'?

A It's sad that it tends to be the people that don't like something are the ones who are keen to express their opinions.

We were incredibly lucky to have internationally renowned artists working in Ashford for the Lost O project and during their time here I think it got Ashford residents thinking and helped them to realise there is more to art than painting.

So far the response from most people has been very positive about 'Nimby'.

It shows two policeman chasing an elephant across a field.

I paid to put the work up myself. It has created a lot of debate which is what I think good art should do.

Q If you had not become an artist what else might you have done and why?

A I have always been heavily interested in anything creative so probably a graphic designer, failing that I love the idea of working in the music industry. I play the electric guitar so had things turned out differently I would love to be in a successful band.

Q What do you like about modern technology? How does it affect your art?

A I am fascinated by technology and rely heavily on it in both in my daily life and in the creation of my artwork. I honestly couldn't live without email and the internet, and sites like Facebook and MySpace are always good fun for meeting and catching up with friends. The internet allows my work to be seen around the world and as a result I have had people contact me from New York, Toulouse, Germany and Holland to discuss my artwork.

Q Did you have any childhood heroes or other people who influenced you?

A My heroes tend to be fellow artists; Banksy, Blek le Rat, Warhol, Lichtenstein but as my taste change so frequently it's hard to pin anyone down who has had a strong influence on my life. I tend to just do what I want to and I am glad my work has been well received.

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1 I predict a diet

The Biscuit Rapper, EmCee Flapjack, has produced his latest film – and he's worried about the effects on his body of too much junk food. See the video in the 'Funnies' section of Community TV. If you've got a rib-tickler to share, upload your film to the site today.



2 Many happy returns, Rupert

Children's favourite Rupert the Bear has been marking his 86th birthday at the museum in Canterbury dedicated to his exploits. You can watch the film at the 'Arts and Leisure' section of Community TV. Why not upload a video of your own birthday party?



3 Getting Santa fit for purpose

Cornel Chin, keep-fit guru to stars like Leonardo di Caprio, has been brought in by Bluewater shopping centre to whip Santa into shape so he can deliver all his presents. You can see how well he did on his Xmascise regime at the 'Events' section of Community TV.



4 Bring out your dead

Take a spooky trip back through time and join the ghost tour at Dover Castle. This is your chance to meet some of the ghouls haunting the ancient landmark. If you want to see your day out on broadband TV, simply make a video and upload it to Community TV.



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Safety warnings are a sign of the times

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

'CRASH site' road signs have been placed at accident blackspots across Kent in a bid to reduce the number of motorbike fatalities – which has almost doubled this year.

The campaign follows 25 fatalities on the county's roads so far this year, up from just 13 in the whole of 2006.

Kent Highways Service (KHS) has installed the warnings on seven A roads across the county, where motorcyclists have died in the last five years.

It is hoped the signs, which feature a motorcyclist image, will raise awareness of previous crashes.

The crash site signs can currently be seen on the A28 between Ashford and High Halden, and Canterbury and Thanet, the A20 between Ashford and Maidstone, the A259 between New Romney and the Sussex border, the A2070 between Ashford and Brenzett, the A21 between Lamberhurst and Flimwell, and the A229 between Linton and Hawkhurst.

Motorcyclist safety officer for KHS Tom Morton, said: "Motorcyclists are among the most vulnerable vehicles that use the roads.

"If a car and a bike are involved in a collision, 99 times out of 100, the bike, along with the rider, come off worse.

"Having seen these signs, we hope that riders and drivers will think more about the road ahead and the potential danger.

"It is our intention to leave these signs in place for at least six months and then relocate them on other routes at other crash sites. The effect can then be monitored and evaluated, site by site."

BIKER TIPS

Think about all the hazards that are visible and allow for the unexpected ones that are not.

Ride on what you can see, not on what you think is there.

Concentrate on your own ride; don't be tempted to ride at the speed of others in a group if you're not happy with it.

Always leave a little in reserve; riding on the edge of the envelope will eventually lead to a crash.

Be bright and be seen – wear something bright, it might not be cool but neither is a hospital visit.

Slow down... kill your speed before it kills you.

Other road users have also been targeted by highways services with 'Think Bike' posters placed at key junctions warning drivers to look for bikers before they move off.

Mr Morton said: "Sometimes it's the actions of drivers that put motorcyclists at risk and sometimes it's the actions of the motorcyclist. For whatever reason, the outcome is often the same – serious injury to the motorcyclist.

"Motorcyclists are clearly vulnerable; they have less protection, drivers often don't make enough effort to look for them and changing road and lighting conditions can present greater challenges to them.

"A lot of motorcyclist crashes happen with no other vehicle involved; loss of control being a particular factor. However, motorcyclists have always been vulnerable to car drivers pulling out in front of them, especially cars turning right, and this has been a factor in many crashes this year."

Firefighters call for new homes to have sprinklers

FIREFIGHTERS have launched a campaign to convince developers and planning bosses to install sprinkler systems in homes and schools across Kent.

Kent Fire and Rescue Service unveiled the initiative as part of its bid to cut the number of fire-related deaths to zero.

Charlie Hendry, the chief fire officer, said: "Kent and Medway face a massive house-building programme over the coming years and I believe those who plan, design and build new homes have a responsibility to make sure residents are safe from the potentially devastating effects of fire.

"We are urging the county's key opinion formers to endorse the installation of sprinkler systems in all new homes and also in existing properties where vulnerable people are most at risk."

Council chief executives, planning officers and landlords were invited to the launch of the Safer with Sprinklers campaign in Maidstone on Friday.

Joyce Rhodes, the headteacher of Lympne School near Folkestone, described how the school was destroyed by fire and the impact this had on the community.

Police to keep an extra eye on high-speed link

EXTRA police are being drafted in to patrol vulnerable spots along the new high-speed rail link.

Officers will be covering the tunnel entrance at Folkestone and the major stations at Ashford and Ebbsfleet.

Chief Inspector Jeff Boothe, of British Transport Police, has promised "world class policing service for this world class railway".

Initially 75 police and community support officers will operate 24 hours a day on a five-shift pattern. This will rise to 100 when a new station at Stratford opens in 2009.

"We will undertake high visibility patrols, but we will also be intelligence-led to make the best use of our resources and working with partners locally in a joint problem solving approach," said Ch Insp Boothe.

Eurostar switched its London terminal from Waterloo station to St Pancras on Wednesday last week, with trains from Ebbsfleet International also now running from Monday.



WARNING: Crash site signs have been put on roads where bikers have died during the past five years



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A yellow python was just one of the many exotic animals transported to the new shop in Beaver Road, Ashford.

Shoppers had a chance to meet the animals at the opening on Saturday, November 10.

To find out more about his selection, pop in or call 01233 635908.

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Mini shortbread stars, biscotti or muffins could also make perfect stocking fillers.

Wii probably won't be yours for Christmas

PARENTS looking to snap up a Nintendo Wii before Christmas look set to be disappointed with the Japanese games company warning the machine is flying off the shelves so fast, it will once again be the most sought after gift.

The consoles are selling through online outlets so quickly that few make the high street retailers.

Demand is set to rocket yet further as Super Mario Galaxy, one of the machine's most anticipated titles, was released last week, priced £39.99.

Rivals make the most of sales opportunity

NINTENDO's loss, however, is set to prove rival games machine Sony PlayStation 3's gain.

It has upped production of its cutting-edge PlayStation 3 machine, and with a recent price cut, expects the console to benefit from the shortcomings of its main rival in the third-generation games market.

Last month the PS3 was cut from £425 to £349, with a more basic model on the market for £299.

Traditional goodies on sale at German market

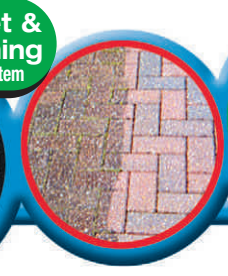
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Active, affectionate female, 35, 5ft3, blonde, blue eyes, likes cinema, walking, cycling, swimming, watching wrestling, WLT tall, dark & handsome bloke. Box 430932

TRUST MATTERS

Independent, professional female, 35, 5'7", fit, GSOH, enjoy travelling, cinema, looking for a like-minded, honest and loyal male to share life with. Box 901771

A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

Single parent of 4 kids, 35, 5ft6 and long hair with blue eyes, looking for friendly guy for friendship and maybe more. Box 900447

FOOTBALL FANATIC

Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384

STIMULATING COMPANY

Honest, friendly, caring, loving female, 43, looking for that special person in her life! If you're him then contact me. Box 430632

ROMANCE ME!

Affectionate female, 43, likes most things, looking for a loving, romantic man to settle down with. Box 430798

MISS THIS MISS OUT

Radiant, warm, witty, intelligent, attractive lady, 44, 5'6", love music, travel, restaurants, the arts, theatre, WLT like-minded gent, 38-50 who's fun, cultured, solvent and kind. Box 430403

A FINE ROMANCE

Pleasant female, 43, medium/large build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, wining, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 429071

READ ALL ABOUT IT

Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLT N/S man to share things with. Box 429682

BE HERE NOW

Melvis, 44, looking for an understanding, sensitive man, enjoys music and being adventurous. Box 431913

DON'T PASS ME BY

Friendly, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 823441

A NEW FUTURE

Busy, energetic female, 45, 5ft2, blonde, blue eyes, size 12, professional, likes swimming, holiday, relaxing, walking, seeks down-to-earth guy. Box 428633

READY TO START AGAIN

Hi, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLT compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992

BRIGHTEN UP MY WORLD

Loving and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-56 for friendship. Box 909974

AFRICAN QUEEN

Fun African woman, 49, likes walking, places of interest, seeks similar male, GSOH, to share interests with possibly more. Ashford. Box 429269

CANTERBURY CONNECTION

Attractive, blonde woman, 5'4", 49, enjoys the gym, cooking, cinema, theatre, travel and restaurants, seeks male for friendship. Box 389091

LOVE TRAIN

Young-looking 51yr old woman, seeking a kind, genuine man, between 48-51, for fun and friendship, maybe romance. Box 432406

LOVE IS IN THE HAIR!

Sue, 51, slim, blue eyes, brunette, ladies hairdresser, looking for someone special. How about you? Box 431904

AM I THE 1?

48yr old divorcee, 5'5", dark hair, hazel eyes, like dancing, music, cinema, days/nights out, WLT a man who would like to share some good times. Box 901027

SMART MOVE

Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship leading to hopefully more. Box 430854

DIG DEEPER

Canterbury lady, 56, recently divorced, looking for a genuine relationship, likes gardening, home life, going out, seeking a male companion. Box 428242

BEST FRIENDS

Friendly female 56, likes most things in life, cinema, clubs, pubs, WLT tall, sincere, caring male, for friendship and good times. Box 320642

BLUE EYES AND GOLDEN BROWN HAIR?

60yr old friendly, outgoing, young-looking lady, likes walks, dining out, loves animals, enjoys holidays, days out, WLT lovely man to share quality time with. Box 429886

THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

Widowed woman, 61, no ties, positive outlook, kind nature with GSOH, like the usual things and would like to find a male counterpart. Box 431210

NEW FOUNDATIONS

Solvent, cuddly female, 59, 5'1", love the countryside, foreign travel, seeks happy, solvent male, 55-62, for affection and TLC. Box 394179

KEEPEE DANCING!

Brunette lady, 61, looking for a LTR, friendship first, any age considered. Interests: dancing, walking, socialising, cuddling! Margate. Box 432246

THE GOLDEN YEARS

Active, attractive, retired widow, 66, enjoys countryside, animals, theatre & lots more, WLT N/S male 65-70 to share happy times with. Kent Box 429441

Women seeking women

SIZZLING!
Sociable female, 24, 5ft2, long hair, hazel eyes, enjoys the beach, cooking, barbecues, clubs, pubs, looking for female mates, maybe more. Box 428658

LOVE TO LAUGH

Loving, young 25yr old female with a kind heart and passion for life, short hair, blue eyes, likes music, socialising, seeks a like-minded female. Box 431117

HELLO GIRLS...

28yr old friendly female, brown hair/eyes, enjoys keeping fit, sociable evenings, clubs, dancing, music, WLT like-minded, slim, attractive woman. Box 432921

GLASS OF WINE?

Good guy, 36, 6ft2, medium/stocky build, blue eyes from Stirlingbourne, likes a bottle of wine at the weekends, walks, having a giggle. Box 423554

THE SWIM OF THINGS

Single dad of 2, 35, 6', blond, blue eyes, enjoys cycling, swimming, country walks, seeks female for friendship and more. Box 404402

GET UP AND GO

Creative male, 35, 6ft, slim, dark hair/eyes, loves music, travel, history, socialising, cinema, reading etc, seeks laid back, slim, attractive female, 26-35. Whitstable. Box 380976

FINALLY FOUND YOU

Good-looking male 35, 5'8", no-ties, enjoys pubs, restaurants, holidays, bowling, theme parks and more, seeks petite female, to share good times with. Ashford. Box 198029

SOCIAL TIMES

Keve, 32, from Medway area, 5ft8, medium build, loves socialising, pubs/clubs, eating out, music, seeking a female with similar interests. Box 432164

MAKE MEMORIES

First timer, 38, 6ft, brown eyes, professional, solvent man, looking for an honest, reliable, fun lady, to enjoy life with. All messages replied. Rochester. Box 421917

AMAZE ME

Trendy, fun-loving, professional male, 37, 5'11", brown hair, into motor sports, clubs, pubs, eating out. Lots of life to give the right lady. Box 394465

MOVE CLOSER

Friendly male, 37, enjoys the usual things in life, seeks curvy, nice female, for friendship and more. Box 359467

SPORTS MAD

Single male, 39 years old, 2 sons, very interested in all kinds of sports, seeking a lovely lady. Box 899774

LIVE FOR TODAY

39yr old outgoing, affectionate male, 6'2", fair hair, like cooking, walks, motor sports, cinema, WLT caring, honest female for friendship, maybe more. Box 431005

SWEET DREAMS

Caring, thoughtful male, 38, likes clubbing, travel, eating out, cinema, music, theatre, sports, yoga, seeks female for friendship and much more. Box 424901

LOVE IT WHEN YOU CALL

Caring, loving male, 40, 6ft1, brown hair, blue eyes, likes walks, cycling, country pubs/meals, looking for a nice young lady, with similar interests. Canterbury. Box 425658

GAZ AUTOMATIC!

Hi, I'm Gary, 40yr old male, 5'11", muscular, tall, dark hair, enjoys most sports, looking for lady to share the finer things in life. Box 430142

HAPPY CHAPPIE

40yr old loving, understanding male, likes music, cinema, cosy nights in/out, looking for a kind, caring female. Box 900936

COOL, CALM & COLLECTED

Romantic Pisces, 39, enjoys finer things in life, seeking genuine female, to enhance my world and enjoy life with. Box 408404

GILLINGHAM GENTLEMAN

Laid-back, 40yr old single dad of 2, like country walks, going out, socialising, seeks female, GSOH, for friendship, possibly relationship. Gillingham. Box 409834

FUN TIMES

Dover man, 32, likes music, films, seeking woman for fun nights out/evenings in. I'm 5ft10, with blond hair/blue eyes, medium/stocky build. Box 422967

ANIMAL LOVER

Kind, caring, generous male, 41, own home/car, likes sports, cinema, the normal things, seeks loving, generous, kind female, for possible romance. Box 387261

HERE'S TO LOOKING FORWARD!

Hello you, if you're fed up with looking back at the past and wondering 'oh what if?' I'm 41 and I'm your man! Box 909888

FUN-LOVING AND EASYGOING

Great guy, young looking 42, no ties. I'm 5ft7, stocky build, fit, short hair/hazel eyes, been called handsome! I'm sporty, a non-smoker and enjoy holidays. Box 431226

WALK WITH ME

Single man, 43, medium build, 5ft6, enjoys walking, reading, and sports, WLT nice, caring woman for friendship, maybe more. Chatham. Box 427047

BIG DEAL IN DEAL

Warm, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967

AFFECTION CONNECTION

Nice-looking male, 43, tall, likes anything different, cinema, meals out, music-Bowie to Prodigy, looking for attractive, caring, affectionate, like-minded female, 30-40. Box 367907

OPEN ARMS

Confident male, 42, 5'10", nice build, single dad, own home, loves cooking, going out, sports, WLT someone similar to me. Maidstone. Box 411411

JUST A SIMPLE CALL

Happy, honest man, 43, 6ft, brown-hair/eyes, 2 children, attractive, true and active, varied interests, likes evenings in, weekends away, seeks similar female, for hopefully LTR. Box 940571

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LIVE AND LOUD



LIPS LIKE OXYGEN: Margate-based heavy rockers – soon to appear on TV show Britain's Got Talent – blast through their song Sugar Coated Poison at Ramsgate's Belgian Café.

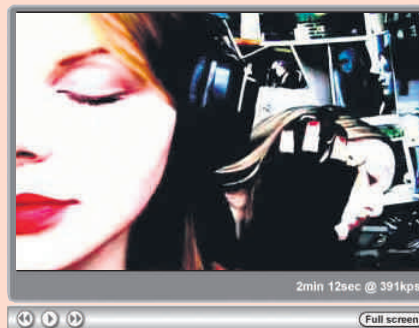


SHAMEFUL BEHAVIOUR: Local rockers, drawing on influences such as Kiss and Black Sabbath, perform the song So Fine in style at the lamented Ashford Rocks festival earlier this year.

LOCAL TV ONLINE



TURNSTYLE: Churning out hits from the last 50 years, Maidstone band TurnStyle have been together for nearly a decade. Here they perform the classic Saving All My Love.



CONCRETE JUICE: More than 1,000 views have been chalked up for what is billed as an 'exciting visual feast' by Kate Fotis and Natalie Lungley of Westerham, set to the music of the Prodigy's Under My Wheels.



THE BISCUIT RAPPER RETURNS: EmCee Flapjack is back again, this time with DJ Digestive. They are going to teach you how to move on the dance floor.



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Extra tax isn't the answer to Britain's booze problem

SOMEWHAT predictably, a tax hike has been suggested to get Britain off booze, or at least spread the damage more equally between pocket and liver.

But will 20p extra on every pint really help the habitually hammered, or is this just another way of squeezing every last drop out of our collective cup?

According to top doctors, Britain's boozing is so out of control it makes the Greek god of wine, Bacchus, look like a designated driver. Our hedonism knows no bounds, but given our status as mere mortals, our over-indulgence is taking its toll.

According to the BBC, 13 children a day end up in hospital due to drink-related disorders, and for the first time in significant numbers, people in their 20s are suffering alcohol-related liver disease.

Doctors say raising tax would stop up to a third of alcohol-related deaths, which have doubled since the 1990s.

You can't put that one down to a dodgy kebab.

But are more taxes really the answer?

It would be more constructive to ask why it is increasing numbers of people feel the need to drink themselves into hospital.

Just because it's cheap to do so? I don't buy that for a minute.

We are working longer hours, having fewer holidays and generally getting less time to unwind than ever before.

If a study carried out earlier this year is to be believed, people were happier in the 1950s than in today's material, money-driven world.

For some, could alcohol simply be a way of forgetting the weekly grind we have created for ourselves as we strive to buy bigger LCD HD televisions boasting table size screens and increasing numbers of acronyms?

We are also told we are facing the biggest threat to our security since the Cold War, not to mention the fact the planet is warming up faster than yesterday night's half eaten take-away.

It's enough to drive anyone to drink, as we

seem to be proving more than adequately.

Some of my friends are doctors. Not top doctors mind you, but medical students and juniors whose sleep to work ratio is questionable at best. Some of them drink... a lot.

And they are not alone. White collar winos are on the increase, and contrary to what they might like to think, it's the middle classes who are suffering more and more alcohol-related problems.

A couple of glasses of wine every night on your leather sofa while watching DVDs of Cold Feet or the latest re-run of Midsomer Murder sounds less sordid than a few pints of Stella down the pub, but the reality is that your liver will struggle to tell the difference.

So instead of fighting the symptoms with unscrupulous and short sighted taxes, wouldn't it be better to tackle what's causing us to turn to stress relief in liquid form?

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TALK TIME

PATSY STOLTEN

Patsy Stolten, manager of the Demelza House charity shop in Bank Street, discusses the town and her work



How long have you worked here?

I have been the manager here for seven years. But before that I worked at homeless charity Shelter. Demelza House is a charity set up to provide a children's hospice in the South East. Demelza is the name of a young woman who used to work in a children's hospice in Birmingham. Unfortunately, she died at a young age but her father had been so impressed by the work she had done he thought it was time that a similar facility be built in Kent. The actual hospice is near Sittingbourne.

How many volunteers do you have?

We have about 15 volunteers. Two of our longest serving assistants will be retiring soon. Dorothy Stillwell and Ruth Marsh have been here for six-and-a-half years and have served us very well. Everyone enjoys working in the shop, but with the two of them leaving, we do need two new volunteers. It is good if we can get a couple, either a husband and wife, or relatives, or close friends. Dot and Ruth are sisters and they do a great job.

What do you think of Ashford as a town?

I have actually worked in this road for 30 years and during that time it has certainly changed an awful lot. Sometimes I think that it has lost the plot a bit but hopefully things will improve.

What I would appeal for is for your readers' help. We really need more toys at the moment. It is always good to be able to put them in the window as we run up to Christmas; as we are a children's charity that helps too. Our shop is still trading very well I think it has a good future in front of it.

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THROUGH THE ROOF

House prices are rising faster than anywhere in the county

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Housing doom rather than housing boom

While it was encouraging to hear house prices in Ashford are rising faster than elsewhere in Kent (Through the roof, Yourashford, last week), but as someone trying to sell a house, it certainly is not easy street at the moment.

The fact there are 1,000 homes currently on the market in the town suggests that while the prices are high the market is hardly flourishing.

There are now so many good quality new homes being built, newcomers to the town are opting for those rather than older properties – or at least that is what prospective buyers tell me.

Perhaps the reality is that we have priced our homes too high?

Garry Edwards
Singleton

Price rises confuse as much as our roads

I wonder exactly why Ashford



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continues to command healthy house price rises as per your story last week?

We have an expensive out-of-town cinema, an expensive in-town bowling alley, and a confusing ring road.

The countryside around us is continually being built on, and the amount of facilities for the numerous new estates being built are few and far between.

I am left scratching my head as to why suddenly our homes are worth so much more – or am I missing something?

G Spinks
Via email

Big screen cinema is big disappointment

I don't know whether Ashford wants another cinema, but it certainly needs one that is better designed.

In years gone by, when we all had lino on our floors, it was a treat to go to Ashford's Odeon Cinema, and walk on deep pile carpets, before relaxing in well upholstered seats.

We could watch films without damage to sight or hearing, and stretch our legs – how times change.

Now, we have carpets and arm-chairs at home, but cinema foyers resemble Victorian public lavatories, where you wait in discomfort before gaining admission.

Once inside, you need the athletic ability and fortitude of a marine commando in order to watch a film.

When I went to Cineworld, I dragged my weary limbs up precipitous steps to get as far away from the screen as possible, for fear of going cross-eyed; but during interminable intervals was unable to escape the appalling noise; some of which may be described as music.

Once you had forced your way between the densely packed rows the seats were uncomfortable; and even a midget would complain about the lack of leg room.

When the film finished, it was difficult to ascend safely to

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ground level, because there was no hand-rail in the central aisle, and the seat backs were too low to grasp.

Had there been a fire and one person had tripped in the rush to get out, there would have been a tragedy.

So much for progress.

M Stuart
Kennington

Thanks for pointing out the lottery scam

I would like to pass on my thanks via your paper to Dianne Harriott who brought to my attention the scam involving the Euro Lottery letter.

I too had received one of these claiming I had won a fortune and felt it must have been too good to be true. As indeed it was.

Mrs Harriott did the right thing to expose it and I hope no-one gets duped by these unscrupulous people.

Name and address withheld
Via email

Letterbox assault attacks vulnerable

Years ago it used to be chain letters which clogged up our letterboxes

and made us anxious – but now it seems they have been replaced by letters simply looking to plunder from our bank accounts.

The case you raised last week of the Euro Lottery letter was just the latest in a string of similar scams.

Why should we be assaulted in such a way in our own homes?

It is always with the most vulnerable in our society the most likely to fall victim too.

G Bond
Chilham



Time to celebrate without fear of upset

I enjoy reading your Ashford

Blogger column each week.

Certainly last week's (Think tanks and right wing press won't stop Christmas) raised some interesting points.

I consider myself politically correct, but I do find it so frustrating the way we are prepared to sacrifice our culture and traditions to accommodate everyone who moves here, or does not follow Christianity.

If I went to a Muslim country I would not for one moment expect them to curtail their traditions or make any allowance for the fact I may have a different view point. What's more, I would go out of my way to ensure I respected their culture and did nothing to devalue it or insult it.

Yet in this country, we seem so desperate not to offend anyone we risk losing the very things we hold most dear.

Christmas is more than just a Christian festival – its roots, after all, are firmly entrenched in pagan times – but a winter celebration which everyone can enjoy.

It is about time we all get a sense of perspective on things and not worry about the possibility of offending people. Those moving to this country do so because of our way of life, our society and our freedoms. I doubt they are as offended as some of us think they may be.

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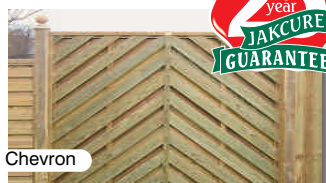
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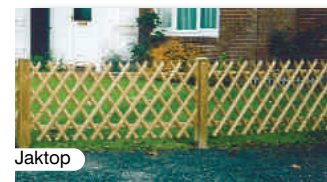


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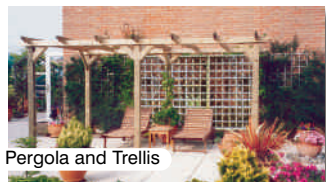


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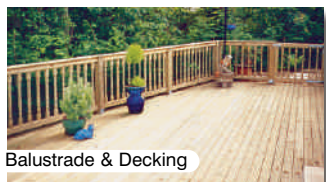


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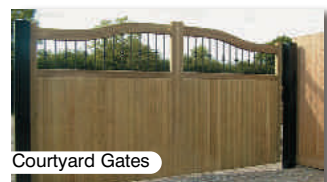


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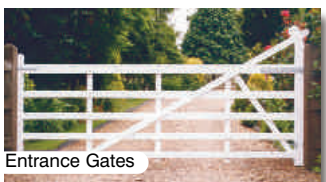


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MOTHER AND DAUGHTER: Linda Gray is enjoying playing alongside former Coronation Street star Suranne Jones

Endearingly entertaining

Linda Gray talks about her latest stage project while looking back to the early days of Dallas

FOR former Dallas star Linda Gray, touring the UK with Terms of Endearment has been great fun.

With her co-stars Suranne Jones and John Rowe, Gray has found a camaraderie that makes her job all the more enjoyable.

"I feel the connection we have is similar to the connection that formed with the Dallas cast," she said.

"We're all working hard together, having fun and enjoying making this a fabulous evening of entertainment."

As uptight Aurora Greenway, Gray plays a devoted mother whose attempts to control the life of her headstrong daughter Emma usually fail. Caught up by Emma's troubles, Aurora is surprised to fall in love for the first time in her life. Retired astronaut Garrett appears to be as much of a cad as Emma's husband, but when tragedy strikes the family, his true worth is revealed.

TERMS OF ENDEARMENT

Monday, November 19, to
Saturday, November 24,
The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury



The tragic aspects of the story are important to the drama, Gray believes, and she does not shy away from the challenge.

"For me, it's important to touch people's hearts and I truly hope that will happen, so they will come out laughing, crying and talking about it long after," she said.

"That's what's missing from a lot of movies. You walk out and there's an emptiness - you go out with an empty bag of popcorn and an emptiness in your soul, because nothing really happened. I don't think anyone will go away from this play feeling empty."

It was the enormously successful 1980s soap Dallas that made Gray famous. As the dastardly JR Ewing's long-suffering wife Sue Ellen, she was the epitome of glamour. But the

show's humble beginnings in 1978 could not have been less glamorous.

"I remember arriving in Dallas for our first day's work," Gray recalled. "It was freezing cold, we were in a motel and it was snowing outside. Larry Hagman [who played JR] filled an entire bathtub with ice, stuck in bottles of champagne and we all sat on the floor, looking at each other."

Despite still being recognised 16 years after the show finished, Gray has not tired of the role that made her famous.

She said: "I'm thrilled with the reaction I get. People tell me all these wonderful stories and share their memories with me. How could I be anything but honoured?"

Terms of Endearment will run at The Marlowe Theatre until Saturday, October 24. Performances start at 7.30pm, with 2.30pm matinees on Thursday and Saturday.

Tickets are priced from £12.50 to £23.50. To book, phone 01227 787787 or visit www.marlowetheatre.com.



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CHRIS PACKHAM

Thursday, November 29
Queen's Hall Theatre, Cranbrook



DISCOVER 50 things you never knew about wildlife – and will possibly wish you hadn't learned – when Chris Packham comes to Cranbrook.

Armed with an arsenal of disgusting and amazing facts about everything from wood lice to vultures, the popular TV presenter will be taking the audience at The Queen's Hall Theatre on an unusual journey through the world of wildlife.

For the down-to-earth biologist – whose television appearances include The Really Wild Show, X-Creatures and Nature's Calendar – snot, faeces and worse are all just facts of life. In Never Mind The Buzzards, find out why an albatross's nose runs, why marine iguanas sneeze and how Falkland Isles caracaras survive when food supplies get low. Also, are bluebirds really blue? Why have wood lice never been seen mating? How does a lizard orchid smell?

Packham, who is also an accomplished photographer, will be answering these intriguing questions and many more on Thursday, November 29. The show starts at 7.30pm and is sponsored by the Cranbrook School science department.

Tickets cost £6 or are free for concessions. To book, call 01580 711814/711856 or email manderj@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk.



MEMBERS of the Snowdown Colliery Welfare Male Voice Choir will be raising their voices for charity at a special concert.

They will be hoping to raise lots of cash for the Canterbury Oast Trust, which provides work experience and training opportunities for adults with learning disabilities. The charity also offers the same opportunities at Poulton Woodland Centre in Aldington and The Mariners Tea Rooms in Rye.

Based in the mining area of Aylesham, the choir draws its members from all over Kent, including Ashford, Tenterden and Romney Marsh. Dedicated and professional, the choir comes together to practice every week and

SNOWDOWN COLLIERY WELFARE MALE VOICE CHOIR

Saturday, December 1
Rare Breeds Centre, Woodchurch



takes part in a programme of concerts between April and December. They receive many invitations to perform abroad and sung at the sell-out event, Night of a Thousand Voices, at the Royal Albert Hall.

Tickets for the 7.30pm concert cost £7.50, including coffee, wine and mince pies. To book, call Margaret Hanlon on 01233 732684 or call into the centre's gift shop.



ONE of the world's biggest up-and-coming indie bands will be taking Canterbury by storm at Club NME.

Operator Please have been described as "the next big thing" by über celebrity blogger Perez Hilton and received countless good reviews in the music press. All that praise is not bad for a group of five school friends with an average age of 19.

The band has its sights set firmly on the top of the charts in Europe, the US and native Australia. Members have already rubbed shoulders with the Arctic Monkeys, proving hugely popular with audiences and

OPERATOR PLEASE

Monday, November 26
Studio 41, Canterbury



performers alike. With a sound described as brilliantly naïve and raw, the band is sure to demonstrate why Club NME is proving such a hit in Canterbury.

Organised by the people behind Lounge On The Farm, the gig will be held at Studio 41 in St George's Place. Entry is £3 before 10pm and £5 afterwards, over-18s only. For details, see www.myspace.com/clubnmecanterbury.

ASHFORD LEISURE

Look around a visually pleasing display of art

WORKS of art will be on display at Ashford Visual Artists' Christmas Fair.

The AVA will be taking over Godinton House in Godinton Lane from Friday, November 30, to Sunday, December 2. Art lovers can find everything from stocking fillers to commissioned works.

The event will run from 11am to 4pm. For details, call 01233 620773 or email GodintonHouse@topgallant.lycos.com.

Come Face to Face with an awesome rock band

FOR a great evening of live music, head down to The Farriers Arms in Mersham on Friday.

Face To Face will be performing a variety of rock cover versions from 9-11pm. The four-piece promise stunning sound, an awesome light show and a truly professional act.

The Farriers Arms is in Flood Street in The Forstal. To find out more, call the pub on 01233 720444 or visit www.facetoface.moonfruit.com.

Enjoy live music from the 60s at The Star

STEP back in time and enjoy the best of the 1960s at The Star in East Hill, Ashford, on Saturday.

The Fabulous 6Ts will be performing at the pub from 9.15-11.15pm. Find out more about the band at www.6ts.co.uk. The gig is for over-18s only.

There is some parking at the pub and a pay-and-display car park nearby. For more information, call The Star on 01233 620391.

Print your own designs at a fun family workshop

FAMILIES can learn together and enjoy a printmaking workshop at Sissinghurst Castle Garden this weekend.

The half-day workshops, at 10am and 1.30pm, will teach children and adults how to design and cut simple blocks, then print with a safe and easy-to-use press.

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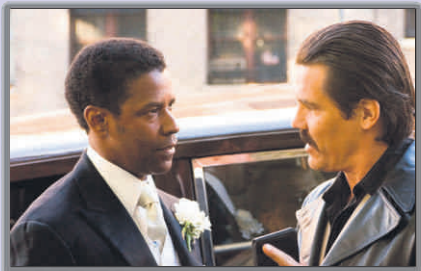
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BRICK LANE (15)



Full screen

At the age of 18, Nazneen's life is turned upside down. After an arranged marriage to a man 20 years her senior she exchanges her Bangladeshi village for a block of flats in London's East End.

No quiet life yet, for Jude

BY EILEEN CONDON

HE'S one of the most talked about actors in the UK thanks to a rather colourful personal life and a thriving Hollywood career. But Jude Law insists he loathes the celebrity culture and wants nothing more than a quiet life.

"This obsession with gossip and second rate information is like a cancer that's taken over," he says. "I have never had an interest in what someone weighs or what they wear."

But, whether he likes it or not, the London-born star has become a paparazzi favourite thanks to his volatile split with ex-wife Sadie Frost and his subsequent on-off relationship with actress Sienna Miller.

Though his career has gone from strength to strength with starring roles in movies such as Cold Mountain and The Talented Mr Ripley – for which he gained Oscar-nominations – Jude admits he's paying a high price for fame.

"It's like being followed by snipers," he says, "but I just try hard to ignore it and lead a quiet life."

In just a few years Jude has gone from bit-part actor in the short-lived soap Families to one of our most successful exports to Hollywood.

He has worked alongside some of the biggest names in the business and his latest movie sees him sharing the big screen with British acting legend Sir Michael Caine.

The pair appear in an updated version of the 1972 film Sleuth. Though Caine starred in the original film – about two men fighting over a woman the audience never meets – Jude, who co-produced the latest version, insists it's not a remake.

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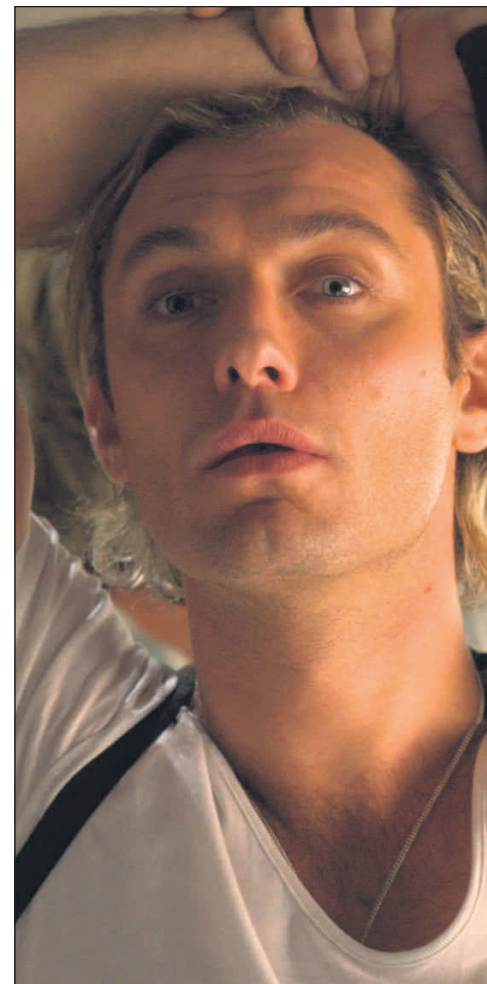
Full screen

"In the 1972 version there are six characters and in this one there are just two," he says. "And most of the dialogue in this film is not in the original. I was fascinated by the premise of how two men fight for a woman you never meet."

As well as starring in and producing the movie, the multi-talented actor also proves he's become a real player by enlisting acclaimed playwright Harold Pinter to pen the latest screenplay and Kenneth Branagh to direct it.

It's not the first time the actor has followed in the footsteps of Caine, as two years ago he appeared in the remake of Alfie, where Jude hooked up with now ex Sienna Miller. But though the film made a star of Caine in the 1966 movie, Jude's version bombed at the box office.

"You can't regret choices you've made in this



HOLLYWOOD STAR: Jude Law stars with Sir Michael Caine in a modern version of 1972 film Sleuth

business," says Jude of the movie flop. "You learn from them and you pick yourself up, dust yourself down and move on."

These days the star seems to have put his troubles behind him and says his four kids by Sadie Frost have helped to ground him and enable him to focus on his work.

"They are their own little team now," he says of Rudy, five, Iris, seven, Rafferty, 10, and step-son Finlay, 17. "That meant that my responsibility was to myself and I could change the rhythm of my work."

There's no shortage of work either. With his packed schedule it looks as if he'll have to put up with the inevitable lack of privacy for a while longer.



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■ BY WILL BATCHELOR

AFTER a busy day on the slopes I soothed my ski-wrecked legs in the luxury spa of Italy's newest mountain resort.

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A few hours later I was dining on a four-course Italian feast in one of the resort's three fine restaurants. My friend was filling up on free bar snacks in an English pub.

By 1am I had enjoyed a nightcap in the elegant Ritrovo bar and was fast asleep in my stylish Alpine chalet.

My friend was meeting Dane Bowers – the ex-Another Level singer was in town to judge a karaoke contest. She would later spend the night conked out on her bathroom floor, hugging the lavatory.

Welcome to the Pragelato Village Resort, which lies around one hour from Turin and 1,534m up the Italian Alps. It's only a short ski from the piste-and-party capital of Sauze d'Oulx – and yet a whole lifetime away.

Built to accommodate TV crews during the 2006 Winter Olympics, the resort was upgraded to five-star splendour last December.

Pragelato's 'executive apartments' – one half of an Alpine lodge – retain a homely feel but with stylish touches, including plasma screen TVs, a DVD home cinema system, power showers and luxury linens.



BREATHTAKING: Beginners and experts alike can enjoy a day on the piste followed by an evening of pampering

While there is nothing snooty about Pragelato, this is a year-round resort which clearly caters for those looking to step up from the cheap-and-cheerful packages of their youth.

Apres-ski, for example, takes place in Cafe Bergian – where tired legs can stretch out on cavernous sofas.

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jacuzzi, heated pool, bubbling foot spas, three saunas and Turkish bath in the Daniela Steiner spa can't ease the pain caused by a day on the slopes, then masseurs and beauty therapists are standing by to lend a hand.

When it comes to food and drink, the emphasis is on quality over quantity. Half-board guests can choose from two restaurants, La Tuccia or the more rustic La Taverna.

Or, for a heavenly gastronomic experience – with fittingly astronomic price tag – diners can opt for the posh Pan Beni restaurant, where ingredients include exquisite white truffles from nearby Alba.

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The best way to access the Milky Way ski area – which links Sestriere, Sauze d'Oulx, Sansicario, Cesana and Claviere – is to hop on the brand new cable car, handily situated just 20 metres from the resort's main reception.

This will take you to a mid-station from where you can ski to Sestriere, the ugly but functional resort originally built by the Fiat car company and now home to a large ski school with English-speaking instructors.

The resort will provide transport to Sestriere for novices who may not fancy tackling an icy red run before their very first lesson.

With an ice rink and driving range alongside the resort, and a conference centre featuring more facilities under construction, Pragelato looks set to become an all-year playground.

My advice is to get in early and avoid the rush. It certainly beats a night on the town with Dane Bowers.

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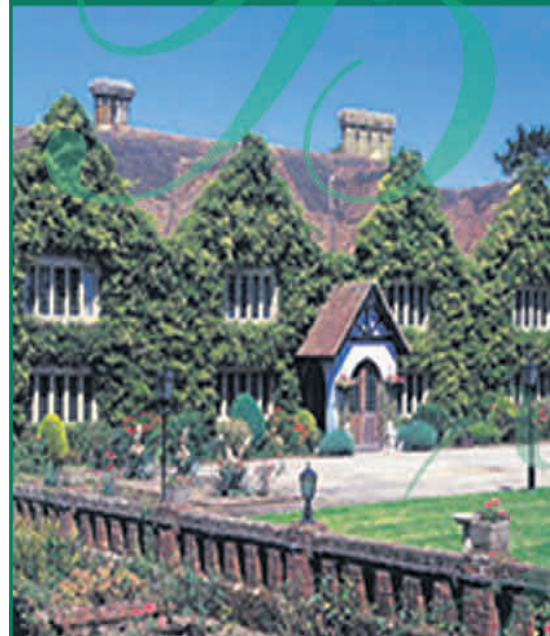
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14 Talkative person might eat a lot with it? (8)
16 Ability to see an apparition (6)
18 Dock item (6)
19 Exclude three articles on worsted fabric (8)
22 Ruddy good portrait? (7,2,6)
24 Test in Essex a mastermind (4)
25 Rotate flap (4)
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27 So briefly dwelling in part of London (4)
28 Stranded above water level (4,3,3)

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4 I'd taken it into the girl for clarity (8)
5 A beautiful maiden with love? (6)
7 Renovate brush-fire damage (9)
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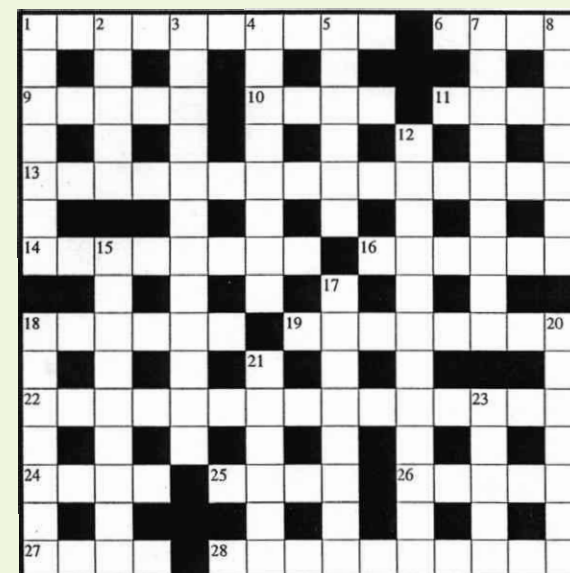
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BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS

(Jan 21 - Feb 19)

CYNICISM could trip you up at work. It pays to put your reservations aside for the sake of a hopeful vision. A potential employer will be impressed by your initiative. The secret to your success is to trust your instincts. They'll lead you to the most profitable clients and jobs. Feel free to throw conventional wisdom to the wind.



TAURUS

(Apr 21 - May 21)

ANGRY words could create problems at work. Unfortunately, a loud argument may be the only way to clear the air. A business or romantic partner may propose a daring plan. Working with a group is preferable than pursuing a goal on your own. Friends, colleagues, and neighbours will all conspire to make your dreams come true.



LEO

(July 24 - Aug 23)

HIDDEN anger could bubble to the surface with a neighbour or one of the family. You won't be able to contain your rage at someone who has been ignoring your concerns. An unexpected romantic encounter makes you feel like you're walking on air. Life is full of surprises, so long as you're open to them.



SCORPIO

(Oct 24 - Nov 22)

A **CLANDESTINE** affair could offend someone's sensibilities. Communicate your ideas with force and resolve, especially if you're dealing with somebody who is considered to be a moral authority. Creative projects could prove a pleasant distraction. The more unusual the subject, the easier it will be to gain popular acceptance.



PISCES

(Feb 20 - Mar 20)

A **DISPLAY** of overt sexuality could be a real turn off. You'll get better results by being subtle. Playing a trivia game could spark a love affair. If you're already in a relationship, this would be a good week to conceive or adopt a child. Working on creative projects gives an outlet for your imaginative and creative talents.



GEMINI

(May 22 - Jun 22)

THROWING your money around won't impress anyone. You're better off winning their affection by spending quality time together. Someone in a position of power appreciates your imaginative thought process. It's best to stress your talent for working independently, rather than your ability to work as a team player.



VIRGO

(Aug 24 - Sep 23)

UNDERVALUING a friend's talent could cost you a close relationship. Sincere compliments go a long way toward smoothing over any misunderstandings that have marred your friendship in the past. You soak up information like a sponge. Don't be surprised if you detect a romantic undercurrent. Your mutual attraction is palpable.



SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23 - Dec 21)

YOU could offend a friend with a joke or remark. Instead of accusing this person of being overly sensitive, offer an abject apology. Acting on impulse works out well as if you're in a relationship, take this opportunity to linger over your partner's hot spots. An emotional outburst results in a powerful breakthrough with a neighbour or relative.



ARIES

(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

ANGRY feelings could be undermining a close relationship. Don't be scared about showing your vulnerable side to a lover or business associate. What seems like an innocuous subject to your friend might fill you with anxiety. If you're having trouble with taxes, appeal to a bureaucratic agency. An important official could lend you a helping hand.



CANCER

(Jun 23 - Jul 23)

PUSHING a relative or roommate too hard could backfire. Proposing a game or outing will restore your popularity. All work and no play makes a dull Crab. The chance to go on an overseas holiday could fall into your lap. If you do some financial juggling, you will be able to afford this trip and have some money left over for gifts.



LIBRA

(Sep 24 - Oct 23)

YOUR wit and charm won't make a bit of difference to an authority figure. You're just going to have to take this person's knocks with the rest of the crew. If you're unhappy with your present employer, you'll find work with a more pleasant competitor. It may be necessary to accept some unusual assignments as a means to get your foot in the door.



CAPRICORN

(Dec 22 - Jan 20)

IT won't do you a bit of good to pressure your boss into a decision he or she isn't prepared to make. If you're having problems with your love life, ask friends for help. Be open to their suggestions. Adopting a more laid back attitude toward dating could be the secret to your success. People may be scared off by your ambition.

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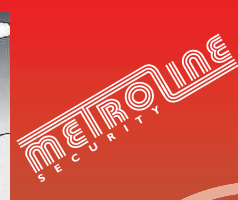
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Text someone and beat



One school explains how far we've come in winning the long battle

IT IS A phone call a parent dreads – the one that tells you your child is being bullied.

In the 21st century, bullying can take all sorts of forms, from traditional beating behind the bike sheds to remote slander via text and the internet.

This week is National Anti-Bullying week and schools across Kent are making great strides in combating young thugs, whose ages range from five to 15.

Some youngsters are so scared they play truant and often the parent is the last to know about it. Little signs like schoolwork suffering or a child withdrawing into their shell can signpost bullying.

These days schools like Chaucer Technology College in Canterbury are using sophisticated methods to ensure the bullies don't win.

Anne Morris has been anti-bullying co-ordinator at the 1,400 pupil school for five years and believes the tide is being turned.

As bullying becomes more sophisticated, technology is being brought in to ensure

■ BY IAN READ

children can feel safer. One of these methods is Text Someone, which the school employs to combat cyber bullying.

Mrs Morris said: "In the last few years we have noticed bullies have switched to using sites like MySpace and Bebo to send their messages, or they text late at night when they know their victim is vulnerable."

24-hour help

"The children are given a number to forward the message to. The number is 24-hours so we usually know who is making calls the next day."

At the school the aim is to ensure the bullies have to confront what they have done. Mrs Morris runs an anti-bullying club, helped by sixth formers, where children under threat can talk about their problems.

Once the problem is in the open the school can take action. Usually the miscreant is hauled in front of their peers and asked to

explain their behaviour. In the case of physical assaults police come to the school.

Mrs Morris said: "We have the wholehearted support of the parents in the things we do. It's a team effort. When the bully is put in front of other children and asked to explain, they become very uncomfortable. Of course you get a minority you can't do anything with at first – it is a long process."

To nip bullying in the bud, Mrs Morris and the club are dispatched to local primary schools to spread the message.

She said: "It can be very daunting for a child coming from a small school which has, say, only 60 pupils to one where there are 1,400."

At worst bullying can drive vulnerable children to suicide.

VICIOUS: Bullying is not longer restricted to face-to-face, but verbal and physical abuse still need to be combatted

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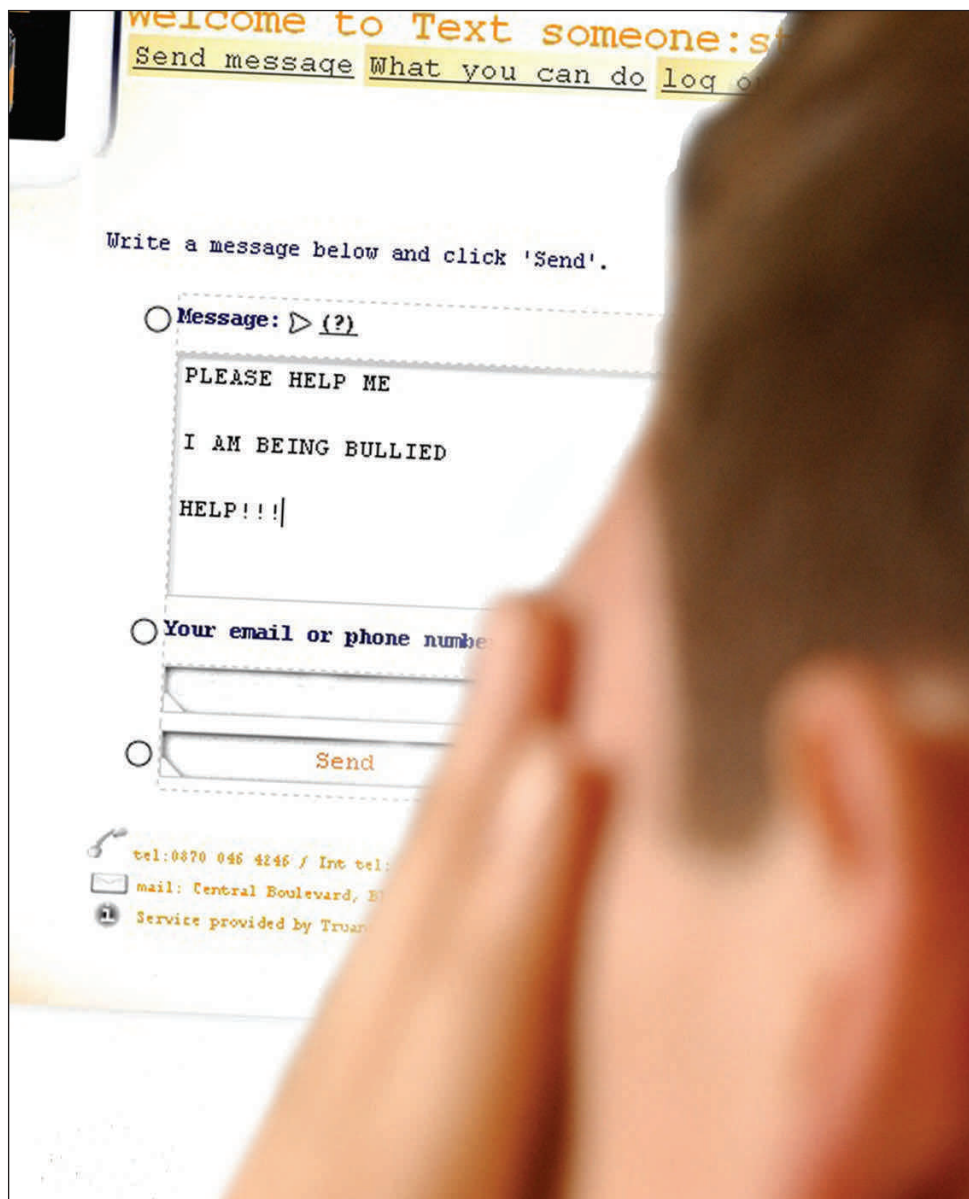
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HERE TO HELP: The Text Someone service is an easy to use and successful way to get help against the bullies

Pupils are shown case histories and told how they can escape the pressure by talking to somebody.

Mrs Morris said: "We have been running this scheme successfully for five years and the pupils who were first introduced to it are now in the sixth form and taking an increasing part in the running of the club."

Everybody at Chaucer is on the look-out, from dinner ladies to the youngest pupil.

Mrs Morris said: "We had a youngster who had just come to the school and he saw a girl in his year being bullied. He didn't know her name but he came to us and we showed him pictures and he was able to pick out the girl who was being bullied and the people who were doing it."

Immediate response

"When we introduced Text Someone we told pupils about it in assembly and straight away we got a response."

"When we confront pupils who have sent messages they always know they have no excuse because it is there in black and white. Once we see the text we call in the parents who back our action because no one likes to think their child is a bully."

Stephen Clarke is managing director of Text Someone. He outlined the system to the school last year and the system is being extended across the country.

He said: "We realised that bullying goes beyond the school gates and teachers needed a way to combat that."

"Usually we go to a school and demonstrate the system. The school gets a 24-hour, seven days a week, system. Messages from the victims are 100 per cent secure. As soon as we get a message the school is alerted and they can take the necessary steps they need. We have been running the system for the last two years and there is no doubt it has been a success. As well as stopping bullying it cuts truancy because the victims are no longer afraid to come to school."

Parents asked to speak up about test change ideas

PARENTS are being polled over possible changes to the county's secondary school admission process.

Kent County Council is proposing pupils sit the Kent Test in September to allow parents to know the result before they apply for a secondary school space. Currently, parents make the applications without knowing if their son or daughter has passed.

Cabinet member for education operations, resources and skills, Mark Dance, said: "We welcome people's views on this proposal. There is no doubt that changing the existing arrangements would have a major impact, it is right to ask the question and get feedback."

Around 27,000 tests county-wide have to be marked, with the proposal seeing results delivered by October in time to complete the relevant forms the following month.

Earlier this year the government published

its School Admission Code. It says that it is good practice for grammar schools, and other schools which select by ability, to make sure parents have the results of entry tests before they make their decision about a school.

Mr Dance added: "We do not have to make this change, but if parents overwhelmingly support it, then we will."

Council bosses insist the Kent Test difficulty will not alter as a result of the proposals.

Grammar schools, who rank pupils by scores in the test, will not determine their cut-off score for admissions until they have been able to rank everyone who has applied for a place.

To register your comments, visit www.kent.gov.uk/consultations. The deadline for comments is December 15.

If the changes are agreed the first group of children affected would be those due to start secondary school in September 2009.

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BBC TWO

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SUNDAY: MATCH OF THE DAY (10pm): Highlights of the day's games in the Premiership – West Ham v Tottenham and Blackburn v Fulham. Adrian Chiles presents.

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SATURDAY: PARKINSON (10.55pm): Chat show king Michael Parkinson takes a look back at memorable music performances during 30 years on TV in his final series.

SUNDAY: THE SOUTH BANK SHOW (10.45pm): Eurythmics star Annie Lennox pops up again as Melvyn Bragg speaks to the singer about his long and successful career.

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SATURDAY: ALONG CAME A SPIDER (9pm): Morgan Freeman resumes his role as detective and psychologist Alex Cross in this suspenseful prequel to Kiss the Girls. Based on the first of James Patterson's bestselling Cross novels.

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SATURDAY: NORTH BY NORTHWEST (5.10pm): An Alfred Hitchcock classic. Cary Grant is the personification of suave as he tackles a nest of enemy agents, led by James Mason.

SUNDAY: THE NEXT LEVEL (9pm): Follow up to the Vin Diesel smash, starring Ice Cube as the Special Ops soldier. Also stars Samuel L. Jackson and Willem Dafoe.

Stand-up's TV sitcom, more than just Jack

■ BY LAUREN MUMFORD

DOUR-faced comic Jack Dee's second series of Lead Balloon started last week and the indicators are good that he has a real success on his hands this time around.

The first series was shown last year on BBC4 and became a word-of-mouth hit with enough top comedy moments – re-lived the following day in offices across the country – to ensure that by the end of its run, the show had earned a loyal fan base.

The repeats on BBC2 helped new viewers catch up, and soon Jack seemed to have made it where so many other stand-ups had failed and made a decent sitcom.

The show which he co-wrote with Pete Sinclair was born in 2004 as Jack, 45, was ending a 100-date tour of the UK.

In an interview with The Times last year Jack explained: "I had lost count of the number of interviews I had done with local papers and radio stations in the last few months. They all ask the same questions, the favourite of which is: 'Where do you get your ideas from?'"

"I never know how to answer that. They just come to you, don't they? That's why they are called ideas. As I put the phone down on yet another witless (both ways, I should stress) interview, I remember wondering idly if any of this could be turned into a TV show."

His final live show was on July 7. Jack explained: "London had ground to a stunned halt after the bombings. The theatre management were concerned that not enough staff would be able to get to work for the show



ACTING SUCCESS: Jack Dee's popular sitcom, Lead Balloon, has just gone into its second series on BBC2

to go ahead. I was concerned that, even if the staff did make it, would the audience? The show was sold out but it was hard to imagine all 3,500 of them just arriving as if nothing was wrong."

In fact more than 250 people got to the theatre. "That is about enough to fill the first three rows in that barn of a place," he said. "To keep those people laughing for the evening in a difficult situation at the end of such a horrible day gives you a sense of achievement that you take for granted on easier nights."

"After the show I went for a meal with my agent Addison Cresswell and a few friends. Addison asked me if I'd read a script that I had been sent. It was for a sitcom that was to be made that autumn, and there was a lead part if I wanted it. The script was fine, but it just didn't excite me very much so I told Addison that I was going to pass on it."

"I had always wished I could do a show about a comedian, his life and his work, and how the two impacted on one other."

"So I started to write about this character and picture his home-life, family and friends. Would this interest anyone who wasn't a comedian? I thought it would – after all, it is only superficially about his work. The comedy is provided by his neuroses and conflict. Most of us understand a little bit about that."

Some critics have criticised him for simply playing himself in the series where his character, comedian and writer Rick Spleen, is a miserable, negative and angry man... or simply Jack's on-stage stand-up persona.

But that underestimates the comic's acting ability. In 1991 he landed the British Comedy Award for best stage newcomer which led to his long-standing appearances on TV.

But that same year, Jack made his first appearance in a dramatic role in an episode of the BBC1 drama The Ambassador, with Pauline Collins as well as the BBC1 drama Silent Witness with Amanda Burton.

Jack who was born in Petts Wood, appeared in Granada Television's comedy drama, The Grimleys and in 2004 starred in two full-length comedy dramas: as a political fixer in the critically acclaimed BBC1 political romp The Deputy.

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Relief doubles but Brits want more

CHANGES to Inheritance Tax (IHT) rules outlined in this year's Pre-Budget Report do not go far enough, a property website has warned.

The changes mean couples can combine their £300,000 individual allowance to make the threshold £600,000 with immediate effect.

However, a survey by independent property portal HotProperty.co.uk has revealed these changes will not appease homeowners.

Furthermore, the much anticipated reforms to Stamp Duty Land Tax (SDLT) were not forthcoming.

Buyers currently pay a flat rate of one per cent on the purchase of properties over £125,000; three per cent on properties over £250,000 and four per cent on those bought for more than £500,000.

In Hot Property's poll, 85 per cent of people wanted the threshold raised.

HotProperty.co.uk's Shawn Luetchens commented: "The increase to the inheritance tax threshold was a positive step, but with house prices rising steadily for a decade, it was never going to deliver the relief taxpayers were looking for. What's more, stamp duty reforms were much anticipated – even a small rise would have been a helping hand for first time buyers."

What's happened to our quirkiness?

BRITAIN is renowned for its country cottages and unique towns and cities, but with the shortage of housing seeing more and more bland developments being built to fill the void, where does this leave our sense of style?

Many blame the makeover shows for our lack of imagination and daring. Others believe we have to be in a constant state of readiness for sale with neutral shades and de-personalised homes.

Standardised developments make it difficult to get character into our living spaces, but why not paint rooms our favourite colour and surround ourselves with all those personal collections and random travel memorabilia that actually mean something to us?

OK, when we want to sell the property we should present it in the best possible way to help make the sale, but in the meantime let's not forget that we actually live here. These are our homes.



COLOUR: Splashing out for a new coat of paint is about as extravagant as many of us get these days when it comes to redecorating, but even that's becoming a rarity

Expensive houses leave us no cash to decorate

SIXTY per cent of new homeowners struggle to decorate and furnish their houses due to the rising cost of property, according to new research.

The study by home insurer More Than found that after paying high prices to buy their homes people are left struggling to make the improvements they want.

The figures show that over a third (35 per cent) just do the basics such as painting the walls, and a further quarter stretch themselves so far they are not even able to do that.

It was also found that when it comes to buying things to furnish their homes, Brits only spend on average £972 a year – equating

■ **BY JENNY SANTOS**

to just £19 a week.

The findings are disheartening but not surprising when you consider how much first time buyers have to extend themselves to purchase their home coupled with the impact of rising mortgage rates over the last year.

And it seems it's not just first time buyers facing the furnishing crisis. Those higher up the ladder are struggling to find the money to decorate when moving to larger homes.

Indeed, this seems to be true amongst my own circle. Someone I know, who shall remain nameless on the grounds I want to stay friends, is still eating his meals from garden furniture in the kitchen – minus the umbrella, it has to be said – because he simply cannot

afford to fork out for a dining table and chairs.

Another friend has lived without carpets for 12 months. She said: "I planned on buying them within my first year of moving in but my mortgage has gone up so I just don't have any spare cash at the end of each month."

Interestingly, the survey also showed that 42 per cent of the nation would prefer to spend more money on high tech gadgets such as laptops and widescreen TV's than essential items such as beds, furniture and kitchen equipment. Only a quarter (24 per cent) consider these essentials to be important.

So, maybe it's not just higher house prices affecting the affordability of decorating and furnishing our homes but also a reflection of a change in our priorities?

Incidentally, my friend with the garden furniture in the kitchen does have a super

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Guide Price - £340,000



ST NICHOLAS AT WADE

A four bedroomed equestrian property situated in the village St Nicholas at Wade. The four bedrooms are all of good size and at the rear of the property there are stables approximately three acres (unmeasured) of pasture land all with separate access of the nearby lane.

Guide Price - £425,000



RAMSGATE

A three bedroom semi detached family home comprising sitting room, kitchen, utility room and a family bathroom. The property is farmhouse style. This property also benefits from a paddock with two stables, a tack room and a field shelter. Viewing of this property is highly recommended!

Guide Price - £310,000



WICKHAMBREAUX

A family home enjoying pleasing village outlooks. The accommodation comprises four bedrooms (one with en-suite), sitting room, dining room, conservatory, cloakroom/utility, kitchen, cellar, bathroom. This property also benefits from garage, gardens and off road parking.

Guide Price - £379,995



STOWTING

A detached house benefitting from period features including exposed brick and beam work, wooden shutters to many windows and a glass-covered, backlit well, incorporated into the enlarged kitchen. Oil-fired central heating, alarm, double glazed windows, double garage and outside store.

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LAND AT OLD ROMNEY

Land fronting Rhee Wall between Old Romney and Brenzett FOR SALE. Plot size approx. 0.6 acres (0.26 hect.). The planning references are 94/0334/SH and 99/0469/SH. The Building control reference is 97/0282/BC.

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LAND AT BELL LANE, SMARDEN

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Square meter: 80 m²
Lot size: 350 m²
Type: Freehold

MOTORS NEWS



Fiat motors in to Lipscomb Ashford

LIPSCOMB motor group has replaced its Ashford Volvo franchise with one for Fiat.

The Italian marque is enjoying success with the Panda city car and Punto super-mini and is expected to gain further from the launch of the retro 500 (pictured) arriving in January, priced from £7,900.

The move follows the opening of Lipscomb's first Fiat site at Aylesford near Maidstone in December, 2006.

The Ashford Fiat operation at Chart Road, opens in December and includes Fiat vans. The site retains its Isuzu 4x4 franchise and Volvo after-sales and parts, but new and used Volvo sales will be handled by Lipscomb Volvo, Canterbury



Refocus for Britain's number one car

BRITAIN'S favourite car gets a new look in January.

Prices for the revised Ford Focus start from £11,945, £250 more than before, but electronic stability control is now standard – previously a £250 option.

The line-up includes other standard goodies: four airbags, electric front windows, CD player, curtain airbags and 'Easyfuel' – a feature that avoids the risk of mis-fuelling. But the stand-out change is the beefier new look, replacing the blandness of the original Focus II design



Will new Renaultsport be up for the cup?

RENAULT'S Clio Renaultsport 197 'Cup' arrives in December at a tempting £14,995 – £1,000 less than the current standard Clio Renaultsport 197.

The 'Cup' chassis, introduced on the Clio Renaultsport 197 F1 Team R27 – as tested on Motors TV – was designed to deliver top performance and handling, with lower ride height, uprated springs and stiffer dampers. Renault has also addressed Clio's noisy high-speed cruising by adding taller fifth and sixth gear ratios



NEW LOOK: The Type-R has helped Honda to not only retain its existing customers, but to also recruit younger drivers to the Japanese motoring marque

Honda's eye-catching but practical space shuttle

HONDA went ballistic to create the latest Type-R hot hatchback.

And its rocketship performance plus space shuttle dashboard led to our online road test – which can be seen at Motors TV via www.yourkenttv.co.uk – turning into a mad homage to Star Trek.

The dashboard is dominated by a digital speedo just below the screen – beautifully positioned for the eye.

Mind you, you need to adjust the steering wheel and seat carefully to ensure that you can see this as well as other 'readouts' in this space shuttle, which is light years from where Honda Civics used to be.

The previous Civic Type-R was pretty much the bestseller in the line-up, but while it drove better than the latest car, it had more of the look of a humble three-door family hatch with fat alloys and an array of tacky add-ons.

In the real world, where driving hot hatches to the limit should be confined to the track, the new car is far superior inside and out.

I particularly liked the racy interior: brilliant sports seats, themed trimming and that

ROAD TEST HONDA TYPE-R

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

spacey yet well organised dash, plus matching wheel – a far cry from the anodyne interior of its otherwise impressive rival, the Seat Leon Cupra – which can also be seen on Motors TV.

The Type-R arrived in early 2007, a year after the 'standard' Civic replaced its dreary predecessor and nailed suggestions that the model name had settled for pleasing the pipe and slippers end of the market.

The new car has not only retained many traditional Civic buyers but recruited younger ones, which is a tribute to the futuristic design with its front-end 'visor' incorporating the headlights, racy profile, slick door handles and brutal rear-end styling with triangular exhaust pipes

The Type-R engine echoes the looks: 0-60mph in just over six seconds from a free-revving and suitably raucous two-litre engine.

Prices start from £17,600, including much standard kit as well as tenacious grip.

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FORD'S baby undoubtedly sells well due to the brand's clout in the fleet market, but do not underestimate its value as a used buy. The Fiesta offers a great range of engines, good build, reliability, space and the choice of three and five doors. There is also the bonus of a good driving experience to complement some of the 'warmer' versions, though the ST performance flagship is perhaps a little too tautly sprung for most people's tastes.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

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SOME say the two previous Vauxhall Corsa generations were a little too alike – the teardrop styling was looking tired before replacement by the current line-up last year. Fans argue the opposite though and the Corsa has proved to be a durable car with a good spread of engines, including a frugal one-litre petrol unit, and the choice of three and five-door formats. A consistent criticism has been the quality of the interior trim – a weakness addressed comprehensively by the latest Corsa.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

RENAULT CLIO



BRITISH drivers love the Clio and have made it a regular in our new car sales Top 10. But the car has also grown over several generations and the latest range, launched in 2005, is more upmarket too, causing the previous generation car to carry on as a cheaper alternative, the Clio Campus. All models ride well but handling is too soft for some tastes. Interior durability is also tested severely on the older versions. A good choice of engines is offered though, including great diesels.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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Please contact school office for application form and job description
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Tel: 01227 459401

E-mail gmarsh@diocant.org

Website: www.canterbury.anglican.org

Closing Date

Wednesday 5th December 2007

Interview dates 17th & 18th January 2008

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Full Time and Temporary

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Required From: 1 February 2008

Closing date: 27 November 2007

To apply/more information

Ms Sue Russell, Headteacher

Park Wood Junior School

Deanwood Drive,

Rainham

Gillingham

Kent ME8 9LP

Telephone - (01634) 234699

Fax - 01634 360623

Email headteacher@parkwood-jun.medway.sch.uk

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Year 4 Classteacher

Salary: Main payscale

Full Time and Temporary

Term of contract: January-April08

Required From: 1 January 2008

Closing date: 26 November 2007

To apply/more information

Miss Jillian Oliver, Headteacher

Luton Junior School

Luton Road

Chatham

Kent ME4 5AW

Telephone - (01634) 844149

Fax - 01634 843582

Email scott001@medway.org.uk

Skinner Street Primary School

KS1 Teacher

Salary: Main/Upper payscale

Full Time and Permanent

Required From: 25 February 2008

Closing date: 28 November 2007

To apply/more information

Ms Julia Tucker, Headteacher

Skinner Street Primary School

Skinner Street

Gillingham

Kent ME7 1LG

Telephone - (01634) 850213

Fax - 01634 580775

Email

office@skinnerst.medway.sch.uk

Temple Mill Primary School

Year 4 Teacher

Salary: MPS/Upper

Full Time and Temporary

Term of contract: Maternity Cover

Required From: 25 February 2008

Closing date: 30 November 2007

To apply/more information

Mrs Jane Bright, Headteacher

Temple Mill Primary School

Cliffe Road

Strood

Rochester

Kent ME2 3NL

Telephone - (01634) 338200

Fax - 01634 338201

Email headteacher@templemill.medway.sch.uk

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Key Stage 2 Teacher

Salary: Main/Upper

Part Time and Temporary

Term of contract: Maternity Cover

Required From: 1 January 2008

Closing date: 23 November 2007

To apply/more information

Mrs Linda Lowrey, Headteacher

Thames View Junior School

Bloors Lane, Rainham

Gillingham

Kent ME8 7DX

Telephone - (01634) 232540

Fax - 01634 264294

Email office@

thamesview-jun.medway.sch.uk

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Salary: MPS/UPS

Full Time and Permanent

Required From: 1 January 2008

Closing date: 23 November 2007

To apply/more information

Mr Vincent O'Mara, Headteacher

Chatham South School

Letchworth Avenue

Chatham

Kent ME4 6NT

Telephone - (01634) 404277

Fax - 01634829010

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SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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Gemma Wilkins
Lydd London Ashford Airport
Tel: 01797 322477
Email gemma.wilkins@lydd-airport.co.uk

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LOCATION:
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SALARY:
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TO APPLY:
Kate Davis
Interface Global Ltd
Email katedavis@interlaceglobal.com

JOB TITLE:
Semi-Senior Accountant
LOCATION:
Ramsgate
SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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Must have experience in taxation including corporation tax, and have the ability to finalise financial & ltd accounts.
TO APPLY:
Adlam Accountancy Services
Tel: 01843 851319
Email adlam.accountancy@orbworld.net

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LOCATION:
Sittingbourne
SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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LOCATION:
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COMPANY:
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TO APPLY:
Dan House - KCA (UK)
Tel: 01795 590635
Email marina@kca.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
Monday 3 December 2007

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Email lesley@idealspinecentre.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
23rd November 2007

JOB TITLE:
Doctors Receptionist
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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TO APPLY:
Marisa Fasoli
North Street Surgery
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Email Reception@gp-G82788.nhs.uk

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LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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Customer Services Department
Dawsons News
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30th November 2007

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SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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Customer Services Department
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30th November 2007

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LOCATION:
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SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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TO APPLY:
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Whitehouse Jeep Maidstone
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LOCATION:
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SALARY:
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Applicants must be at least 21 and able to work on own initiative.
TO APPLY:
Inn On The Lake
Tel: 01474 823333
Email jobs@innonlake.co.uk

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COMPANY:
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TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
Midday, 20 November 2007

JOB TITLE:
Room Supervisor
LOCATION:
Ramsgate
SALARY:
£37.65 ph

COMPANY:
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TO APPLY:
Laurel Parker or Lesley Watts
Thanet Early Years Project
Tel: 01843 591200
Email maria@thanetearlyyears.org
CLOSING DATE
28 November 2007

JOB TITLE:
Senior Nursery Practitioner, Newington Road Childcare Centre, Ramsgate - fixed term until July 2008
LOCATION:
Ramsgate
SALARY:
£7.50 ph
COMPANY:
Thanet Early Years Project
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Lynne Beckley
Serco Local Government
Tel: 01227 819419
Email lbeckley@canterbury.serco.com
CLOSING DATE
28th Nov 2007

JOB TITLE:
Contracts Surveyor/ Estimator
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£33k- £35k plus benefits

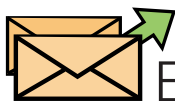
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Tel: 01227 819419
Email lbeckley@canterbury.serco.com
CLOSING DATE
19/11/2007

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Plasterer, Damp Proofing and Timber Treatment Technicians

LOCATION:
Belvedere
SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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Email info@swiftcure.com

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LOCATION:
West Malling
SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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Nigel Gough
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Email nigel.gough@fslgroundwork.co.uk

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COMPANY:
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Tel: 0800 454777
Email info@swiftcure.com

CUSTOMER SERVICE, CALL CENTRE

JOB TITLE:
Communications Officers
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
Starting at £16,384 + benefits
COMPANY:
Kent Police
Shift work. There's one major difference between our communications centre and other call centres: there's no such thing as a routine call. Whether answering non-emergency enquiries or handling 999 emergency calls - you don't know what's going to happen next. Prepared for every call, it's about keeping calm and thinking on your feet. You will be able to stay focused to get the vital information we need, to help save lives and make arrests.
TO APPLY:
Kent Police
Tel: 01622 650 303
Email recruitment@kent.police.uk

JOB TITLE:
Customer Services Administrators

LOCATION:
Thanet
SALARY:
Negotiable based on experience
COMPANY:
Phoenix Link
There is the possibility of the role extending beyond the maternity cover

period. Applicants must be IT literate (proficient in all MS Office applications and Internet Explorer applications) and have an effective and polite telephone manner. Applicants are not required to have telecoms / IT experience but this would be a significant advantage. The role involves:- 1. Liaising with existing and potential clients on the telephone 2. Providing first line support for the products and services provided by the Company 3. Liaising with suppliers 4. Liaising with contractors and service partners 5. Customer Service Administration 6. Product and service provisioning Phoenix Link provides a range of services including:- BT telephone lines, call packages, mobile voice and data, telephone systems, VoIP audio conferencing and ADSL broadband. Phoenix Link innovative products maximize the benefits from available technology to provide efficient, bespoke services to clients. All applicants should apply by email giving full details of current occupation, experience, aspirations and salary expectations.
TO APPLY:
Phoenix Link
Email paul.humphries@phoenixlink.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Customer Services Officers

LOCATION:
Thanet
SALARY:
£16,134 - £23,079 per annum - Pro-rata
COMPANY:
Thanet District Council
The duties of the posts focus on service provision at first point of contact for the council's customers, both face to face and by telephone on a part time basis, which may involve working full days including Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays. As well as specific qualities detailed in the job description it is vital that you can demonstrate a flexible approach to work as evening and weekend working will be required on the opening of Thanet's Gateway Plus in Margate. You will be educated to a minimum of GCSE (or equivalent) grade C in English and Maths. Selected candidates will be required to undergo a telephone interview prior to short listing and all short listed candidates will be asked to attend for assessment, which may include group activities, competency interviews and skills tests. Interviews will be held: week commencing Monday 3 December 2007. Benefits include generous annual leave, flexible working (some posts excluded), a 37-hour week, entry into a medical health scheme, subsidised bus pass, as well as access to the local government final salary pension scheme.
TO APPLY:
Human Resources Department
Thanet District Council
Tel: (01843) 577175 (24 hours)
Email personnel@thanet.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
Tuesday, 27 November 2007

DOMESTIC

JOB TITLE:
Domestic Cleaner

LOCATION:
Faversham
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Carnalea Residential Home
9-2pm Mon-Fri. For further details please telephone 01795 532629 between 10-4pm.
TO APPLY:
Carnalea Residential Home
Tel: 01795 532629
Email eldercare@carnalea.com

JOB TITLE:
Part-time Casual Toilet Attendant/Cleaner

LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
Grade 1 - £5.82 per hour (pro rata)
COMPANY:
Maidstone Borough Council
We are currently looking to recruit casual toilet cleaners to work weekends in the Town Centre, job sharers would be welcome. You should be physically fit as there is a considerable amount of walking involved. Experience in the cleaning industry and the ability to work with minimum supervision would be an advantage. Protective clothing and full training will be provided. For an informal discussion please contact Doug Brown, on (01622) 602354. An equal opportunity employer. Benefits include final salary pension scheme, non smoking office environment, an attractive secured local and national discount package and generous leave entitlement.
TO APPLY:
Maidstone Borough Council
Tel: (01622) 602555
Email recruitment@maidstone.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
Tuesday 20th November 2007

EDUCATION, TEACHER, SCHOOL

JOB TITLE:
Full time Key Stage 5 TLR2

LOCATION:

Hythe
SALARY:
Upper payscale plus SENA and TLR2
COMPANY:
Foxwood School
TO APPLY:
Margaret Bociek - Foxwood School
Tel: 01303 261155
Email margaret.bociek@foxwood.kent.sch.uk

JOB TITLE:
Key Stage 2 Teacher

LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
Main/Upper
COMPANY:
Thames View Junior School
Part Time and Temporary Term of contract: Maternity Cover. Thames View Junior School Bloors Lane Rainham Gillingham ME8 7DX.
TO APPLY:
Mrs Linda Lowrey, Headteacher
Thames View Junior School
Tel: 01634 232540
Email office@thamesview-jun.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
23 November 2007

JOB TITLE:
KS1 Teacher

LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
Main/Upper payscale
COMPANY:
Skinner Street Primary School
Skinner Street Primary School Skinner Street Gillingham ME7 1LG.
TO APPLY:
Ms Julia Tucker, Headteacher
Skinner Street Primary School
Tel: 01634 850213
Email office@skinnerst.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
28 November 2007

JOB TITLE:
NVQ Assessors and Verifiers

LOCATION:
Dover
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Technology Enterprise Kent
To help engage people and organisations. If you are interested in this position, please send us your up to date CV, with a handwritten covering indicating whether you are looking for full or part time employment to: European and Community Initiatives Manager, Technology Enterprise Kent, White Cliffs Business Centre, Honeywood Road, Whitfield, Dover, Kent, CT16 3EH. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.
TO APPLY:
Technology Enterprise Kent
Email info@technologyenterprise.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
30th November 2007

JOB TITLE:
Pre-school Deputy Supervisor

LOCATION:
Medway
SALARY:
Starting salary £14,492 per annum
COMPANY:
Medway Council
TO APPLY:
Medway Council
Tel: 01634 332843 (24-hour answerphone)
Email jobs@medway.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
30 November 2007

JOB TITLE:
Primary and Secondary Qualified Teachers

LOCATION:
Medway
SALARY:
Paid to scale
COMPANY:
Medway Teacher Vacancies
Term of contract: temporary, fixed term and permanent (no daily supply)
Elaine Hunt, Recruitment Assistant
Teacher Recruitment Team Civic Centre Strood Rochester ME2 4AU.
TO APPLY:
Medway Teacher Vacancies
Tel: 01634 332469
Email teaching@medway.gov.uk

JOB TITLE:
Programme Manager - Skills for Life

LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
KAES 6 - 10 £22,200 - £26,475 per annum pro rata
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
Midday, 19 November 2007

JOB TITLE:
Qualified Teaching Assistant

LOCATION:
Dartford
SALARY:
TBC

COMPANY:
Gateway Primary School (The)

15 hours per week, term time only.
TO APPLY:
Gateway Primary School (The)
Tel: 01322 220090
Email headteacher@gateway-pri.kent.sch.uk

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of English

LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Chatham South School
Chatham South Letchworth Avenue Chatham ME4 6NT.
TO APPLY:
Mr Vincent O'Mara, Headteacher
Chatham South School
Email headteacher@chathamssouth.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
23 November 2007

JOB TITLE:

Teachers

LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Unqualified Tutor Grade - £14,751 - £23,331 pa
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
Midday, 21st November 2007

JOB TITLE:

Teaching Assistant

LOCATION:
Dover
SALARY:
Kent Scheme, Band 3, Points 6-11 + SEN Allowance £13,222 - £15,440 (pro-rata)
COMPANY:
Harbour School
TO APPLY:
Harbour School
Email office@harbour.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
Wednesday 21st November 2007

JOB TITLE:

Teaching Assistants

LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
£13,619, with progression through contribution related pay to £15,440 pa
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
Midday, 21st November 2007

JOB TITLE:

Training Facilitators

LOCATION:
Dover
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Technology Enterprise Kent
TO APPLY:
Technology Enterprise Kent
Email info@technologyenterprise.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
30th November 2007

JOB TITLE:

Year 4 Class Teacher

LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Main payscale
COMPANY:
Luton Junior School
Full Time and Temporary Term of contract: January-April 08. Luton Junior School Luton Road Chatham ME4 5AW.
TO APPLY:
Miss Jillian Oliver, Headteacher
Luton Junior School
Tel: 01634 844149
Email scott001@medway.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
26 November 2007

JOB TITLE:

Year 4 Teacher

LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
MPS/Upper
COMPANY:
Temple Mill Primary School
Full Time and Temporary Term of contract: Maternity Cover Temple Mill Primary School Cliffe Road Strood Rochester ME2 3NL.
TO APPLY:
Mrs Jane Bright, Headteacher
Temple Mill Primary School
Tel: 01634 338200
Email headteacher@templemill.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
30 November 2007

ENGINEERING, MANUFACTURING, UTILITIES

JOB TITLE:
Commercial Catering Service Engineer

LOCATION:

Kent

SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Severn Catering Services Ltd
Based in the Kent area. The successful applicants will have a current AC's gas qualifications and a sound electrical knowledge. Previous experience within the Commercial Catering Industry will be an advantage.
TO APPLY:
Phil
Severn Catering Services Ltd
Tel: 01452 740033
Email chris@severncateringservices.co.uk

JOB TITLE:

Hydraulic Press Operator

LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Palatine Precision Ltd
Palatine Precision Ltd, based in Rochester, require a full time production operative to work in an engineering environment. Candidates need to be practically minded with the ability to learn new skills.
• Training will be provided
• A reasonable level of fitness required
• Attention to detail and quality essential
• Ability to follow procedures essential.
TO APPLY:
Palatine Precision Ltd
Tel: 01634 684571
Email HR@palatineprecision.co.uk

JOB TITLE:

Manufacturing Department Opportunities

LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Integrated Technologies Ltd
ITL is a specialist engineering company with 35 years of experience in contract medical, diagnostic and analytical instrument design and manufacture. We currently have opportunities for motivated, dedicated people within our Manufacturing Department.
• Manufacturing Test Technician
• PCB Assembly Operative • Cable and Wiring Operative • Quality Technician www.itl.co.uk.
TO APPLY:
Vicki Newman
Integrated Technologies Ltd
Tel: 01233 638383.
Email vn@itl.co.uk.

JOB TITLE:

Manufacturing Operative - Night Shift

LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Richco International Company Ltd

We require a Manufacturing Operative to undertake various manufacturing duties including secondary operations in line with customer specifications. You will be required to perform operation processes such as taping, dying, cutting, packing product and providing cover within our cell based processes. Other tasks may require the use of assisted machinery. Continuous attention to detail will be necessary. This role requires bending and light lifting throughout the day and de-spruing parts will require various continual hand and wrist motion activities. Working in a busy hot environment you will need to be a flexible team player, good at communication skills including spoken English and willing to help in all areas. Hours are Nights 10pm-6am. Please only apply if you have previous experience in a similar role and environment. Please send your CV and a covering letter to: Jane Spragg, Richco House, Springhead Enterprise Park, Springhead Road, Gravesend Kent DA11 8HE.
TO APPLY:
Richco International Company Ltd
Email dawn.kendall@richco.co.uk

ESTATE AGENCY, PROPERTY

JOB TITLE:

Accounts Assistant

LOCATION:
Ramsgate
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Miles and Barr
An Accounts Assistant is required immediately to work within our busy Head Office Department of Miles & Barr. This is a full-time position and the hours and days of work are 9am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday. Knowledge of Sage/Excel is an advantage although not essential. Main responsibilities include: Assisting in the day to day running of the Accounts Department, Petty cash reconciliation/Cash handling Sales Ledger/Purchase Ledger Filing General office duties PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR CV TO: Jackie Barr Accounts Manager, Miles & Barr, 51, Queen Street, Ramsgate, Kent CT11 9EJ.

TO APPLY:

Jackie Barr
Miles and Barr
Email jackiebarr@milesandbarr.co.uk

GRADUATE, TRAINEES

JOB TITLE:

Trainee Firefighter

LOCATION:
Lydd
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Lydd London Ashford Airport
As part of the continued development at London Ashford Airport Ltd, a rare and exciting opportunity has arisen for the recruitment of a Trainee Firefighter. The role will involve the successful candidate working to maintain a fully effective Emergency Fire Service in order to save lives and to protect property in line with company standards and licensing requirements. Full training will be given to progress to being a fully qualified Aviation Firefighter. The applicant must be educated to GCSE or equivalent standards and hold 5 GCSEs A to C grade to include English and Maths. To apply, please send a CV and covering letter to Jemma Wilkins, Human Resources Co-ordinator, Lydd, Kent TN29 9QL.
TO APPLY:
Jemma Wilkins
Lydd London Ashford Airport
Tel: 01797 322477
Email jemma.wilkins@lydd-airport.co.uk

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HEALTH & SAFETY, SECURITY, DEFENSE

JOB TITLE:

Cashiers

LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
£7.03 per hour + £1.40 per hour night allowance
COMPANY:
Group 4 Securicor
Joining a dedicated team and working in a secure environment, you'll help process cash for some of our biggest clients. You'll ensure cash amounts received are correct, and then prepare them securely for delivery. Attention to detail and a good level of numeracy are vital, along with the ability to work and thrive as part of a team. A 10 year verifiable work or education history is essential. However, experience isn't, as our comprehensive training will give you all the skills you need. Shifts run Sunday-Thursday, 22:00-06:00. In addition to competitive pay, we offer five weeks' paid holiday, pension scheme, health checks, uniform and excellent career prospects. For an immediate interview, please call our recruitment hotline - lines are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
TO APPLY:
Group 4 Securicor
Tel: 08712 107957
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:

Gateway Steward

LOCATION:
Thanet
SALARY:
TG2 - £13,059 - £16,134 (Pro rata)
COMPANY:
Thanet District Council
Fixed Term 1 Year Contract. The duties of the posts focus on service provision at first point of contact for the council's customers in Thanet's Gateway Plus, which is to open in January 2008, assisting customers and staff to access facilities within the building and also to provide a sensitive security presence. As well as specific qualities detailed in the job description it is also vital that you can demonstrate a flexible approach to work as evening and weekend working will be required and although the normal working week will be 15 hours over 2 days the post holder will be required to cover absence due to leave etc for the full time steward. This post may suit someone wishing to top up an existing income, with previous experience of working closely with the general public. Assessment days will be held: w/c Monday 3rd December 2007. Benefits include generous annual leave, flexible working (some posts excluded), a 37-hour week, entry into a medical health scheme, subsidised

bus pass, as well as access to the local government final salary pension scheme.

TO APPLY:
Human Resources Department
Thanet District Council
Tel: (01843) 577175 (24 hours)
Email personnel@thanet.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
Tuesday 27th November 2007

JOB TITLE:

Operations Assistant

LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
£15,000 per annum
COMPANY:
Ward Security Ltd
TO APPLY:
Barry Kingsland
Ward Security Ltd
Tel: 01634 225128
Email recruitment@wardsecurity.co.uk

HR, RECRUITMENT

JOB TITLE:

Temporary Assistant HR Adviser to cover maternity leave

LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
Up to £16,725 for 22.5 hrs per week
COMPANY:
Shepway District Council
TO APPLY:
Shepway District Council
Tel: 01303 853481
(24 hour answerphone service)
Email jobs@shepway.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday 23 November 2007

INDUSTRIAL, WAREHOUSE, FACTORY

JOB TITLE:

Goods In Operative

LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Dawsons News
5 days a week; Mon-Fri; 2pm-10pm (flexible).
TO APPLY:
Customer Services Department
Dawsons News
Tel: 01634 662400
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
30th November 2007

JOB TITLE:

Night Warehouse Supervisor

LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Dawsons News
5 days a week; Mon-Fri; 4pm-11.30pm.
TO APPLY:
Customer Services Department
Dawsons News
Tel: 01634 662400
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
30th November 2007

INFORMATION TECH, INTERNET, TELECOMS

JOB TITLE:

Trainee IT Recruitment Consultant

LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
£15 - £18,000pa + excellent commission
COMPANY:
Profrec
Small expanding I.T. recruitment agency needs two experienced cold calling/telesales people to continue their growth. Full training given. Excellent rewards and opportunity for progression.
TO APPLY:
Jeremy Pilcher
Profrec
Tel: 0844 800 3011
Email Jeremy@profrec.com

INSURANCE, BANKING, FINANCE

JOB TITLE:

Insurance Underwriter

LOCATION:
Sittingbourne
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Nelson Policies
NELSON POLICIES a busy Underwriting Office based in Sittingbourne. You will be experienced in LIABILITY and COMMERCIAL Underwriting. You will be a Dip CII or preferably ACIL with at least 3 years experience working for an Insurance Company or Lloyd's dealing with Insurance brokers. You will be fully computer literate and able to work under pressure within Contract certainty. We offer an



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TO APPLY:
Martin Fisher
Nelson Policies
Email
martinfisher@nelsonpolicies.co.uk

LEISURE, TOURISM, TRAVEL

JOB TITLE:
Assistant food and beverage manager (Bar)
LOCATION:
Margate
SALARY:
Up to £23K
COMPANY:
Thanet Leisure Force
Applicants must have at least 2 years operational experience gained within a busy food and beverage environment. Able to demonstrate quality customer service, team leadership and effective communication skills the successful candidate will have a working knowledge of health, safety and hygiene (ideally qualified in support of these requirements) and a full driving license.
TO APPLY:
Sam Rose
Thanet Leisure Force
Tel: 01843 227959
Email sam.rose@leisureforce.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
26 November 2007

JOB TITLE:
Nursery Manager
LOCATION:
Margate
SALARY:
Up to £22K
COMPANY:
Thanet Leisure Force
Applicants must have NVQ level 3 in childcare or NNEB or equivalent, with at least 4 years post qualification experience.
TO APPLY:
Sam Rose
Thanet Leisure Force
Tel: 01843 227959
Email sam.rose@leisureforce.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
26.11.07

MANAGEMENT, SENIOR POSITIONS

JOB TITLE:
Chatham Maritime Trust Trustee
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Voluntary
COMPANY:
Chatham Maritime Trust
TO APPLY:
Martyn Calder
Chatham Maritime Trust
Tel: 01634 891888
Email martyn@cmtrust.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Co-ordinator / Project Manager (Part Time Contract - Flexible Hours)
LOCATION:
Dover
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Technology Enterprise Kent
TO APPLY:
Technology Enterprise Kent
Email
info@technologyenterprise.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday 30th November 2007

JOB TITLE:
Section Manager, Transport
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
£21,600 - £27,800 & benefits
COMPANY:
Waitrose
TO APPLY:
Lorraine Robinson
Waitrose
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
23rd November 2007

JOB TITLE:
Support Services Manager
LOCATION:
Thanet
SALARY:
£25,701 - £29,328 per annum
COMPANY:
Thanet District Council
Thanet District Council is seeking a self-starting and enthusiastic manager to be responsible for leading and developing the corporate service areas of Printing Section and Mail & Scanning Centre. This is a varied and demanding role that requires a focused and practical person who can hit the ground running. You will have managerial experience, with a proven track record of leading and developing staff and services and

desirably holding or working towards a recognized management or associated professional qualification. Reporting to the Procurement & Facilities Manager you will provide economic and efficient support services to the business, ensuring excellent customer service, building and maintaining relationships with internal and external stakeholders. You will ensure that all queries are answered in a timely manner and take meticulous care of the departmental budget. The post holder will be accountable as lead officer for projects that are on going within the service, including upgrade of equipment, delivery of a Corporate Print Strategy, further service integration of scanning and document management function. There will be a requirement to continually review working practices, to ensure the Council is best positioned to optimize value for money within service delivery, taking into consideration emerging markets as with bought in postal services. Therefore, it is essential to possess excellent organizational, interpersonal and communications skills, both written and verbal. When business demands, there may be a requirement for additional out of hours working. A full driving licence is desirable. Only individuals committed to achieving a high standard of service delivery and Customer Service need apply. Interviews will be held: week commencing Monday 10 December 2007. Benefits include generous annual leave, flexible working (some posts excluded), a 37-hour week, entry into a medical health scheme, subsidised bus pass, as well as access to the local government final salary pension scheme.
TO APPLY:
Human Resources Department
Thanet District Council
Tel: (01843) 577175 (24 hours)
Email personnell@thanet.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
Tuesday, 27 November 2007

MARKETING, ADVERTISING

JOB TITLE:
Marketing Manager
LOCATION:
Lydd
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Lydd London Ashford Airport
An exciting opportunity has arisen for an ambitious, dynamic Marketing Manager with at least three years' marketing or aviation experience to play an integral role in the implementation of the Company's Marketing Strategy. Educated to degree level, you will hold a CIM qualification and you should also have an excellent knowledge of MS Office. The ability to speak another European language would be a distinct advantage. To apply, please send a CV and covering letter to Jemma Wilkins, Human Resources Co-ordinator, Lydd, Kent TN29 9QL.
TO APPLY:
Jemma Wilkins
Lydd London Ashford Airport
Tel: 01797 322477
Email jemma.wilkins@lydd-airport.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Sales and Marketing Manager
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
School of English Studies
Responsible for all promotional activity for our successful and long established Language school. Activities include brochure production, overseas sales trips, attendance at language fairs and company events as well as managing our in-house customer database. The successful candidate will have excellent communication skills, be IT literate and must be willing to travel as the role requires up to 12 overseas visits per year. Please apply in writing enclosing a current CV to: Carl Maidment, SES Folkestone, 26 Grimston Gardens, Folkestone CT20 2PX.
TO APPLY:
School of English Studies
Email principal@ses-folkestone.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
27 November 2007

MOTOR TRADE, DRIVER

JOB TITLE:
Car Cleaner / Driver
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Robins & Day Canterbury
Required to work Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm with with 1/2 hour for lunch. Must have a clean UK driving licence with at least 5 years experience and be of clean and tidy appearance. Please forward covering letter with CV to the Body Shop Manager at: Robins & Day, The Pavilion, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2RH.
TO APPLY:
Hazel Lewis
Robins & Day Canterbury
Tel: 01227 451791
Email hazel.lewis@peugeotmail.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Class 1 Drivers
LOCATION:
Faversham
SALARY:
£10 ph basic
COMPANY:
Pertemps
Based In Faversham. These vacancies are working within a Gist foods depot operated on behalf of Marks and Spencer. We can offer the following benefits: • Morning, Afternoon and Weekend Shifts. • Full or Part time • All Vehicles in A1 condition • Excellent bonus at peak times • Excellent bonus in Dec with potential earnings of up to £1600 for working 10 shifts.
TO APPLY:
Pertemps
Tel: 01795 591195 or 07810 556520
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

NURSING, MEDICINE, CARE WORK

JOB TITLE:
Assistant Manager
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
The Grange Care Home
Required for Residential Care Home in Folkestone. We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic and committed person. Must have Minimum NVQ level 3 Qualification, and experience in the role. Subject to satisfactory CRB Check.
TO APPLY:
Carol Weeks (Home Manager)
The Grange Care Home
Tel: 01303 252394
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Day Support Workers
LOCATION:
Dover
SALARY:
From £6.79 per hour
COMPANY:
Broadham Care Ltd
For more information or an application form, please contact Broadham Care,Vector House, Merle Common Road, Oxted, Surrey RH8 0RP.
TO APPLY:
Broadham Care Ltd
Tel: 01883 732211
Email
mike.plant@broadhamcare.co.uk

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JOB TITLE:
Full Time Outreach Development Worker
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£18,000 pro rota + mileage allowance
COMPANY:
Headway East Kent
We are now looking to recruit an enthusiastic person as a Full time Outreach Development Worker (35 hours per week) to undertake outreach work with those head injured who can not or do not access Day Centre provision. This is a new post, funded by the Big Lottery Fund for two years. There will be an amount of out of office/unsocial hours. Experience in a related field would be an advantage. Must have use of a car. For a job description and application form for the above post please send a stamped, self addressed envelope (minimum size 22.5 cm x 16) or telephone to: Linda Kerley, CEO, Headway East Kent, The Sustain Centre, Kent & Canterbury Hospital, Ethelbert Road, Canterbury, Kent CT1 3NG.
TO APPLY:
Headway East Kent
Tel: 01227 783002
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
Wednesday 12th December 2007

JOB TITLE:
General Assistant
LOCATION:
Faversham
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Carnalea Residential Home
5-9pm 21 & 26 hours per week including alternate weekends. For further details please telephone 01795 532629 between 10-4pm.

TO APPLY:
Carnalea Residential Home
Tel: 01795 532629
Email eldercare@carnalea.com

JOB TITLE:
Night Support Workers
LOCATION:
Dover
SALARY:
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We're entitled to an extra four days holiday

EMPLOYERS have been reminded that their employees are now entitled to 24 days' holiday a year.

The Working Time (Amendment) Regulations 2007 state that employees who work a five-day week may now take 4.8 weeks' (24 days) holiday, up from four weeks (20 days) from October 1.

Matthew Dugdale, of Kingsley Smith Solicitors, said: "Employers do not re-issue contracts of employment – however, staff must be informed in writing of the increased holiday entitlement."

"Part-time workers must receive annual leave equal to 4.8 times their usual working week, irrespective of what days of the week they normally work."

No ifs or butts, just a large fine for littering

SMOKERS who light up outside to avoid the smoking ban can face severe fines if they fail to dispose of their butts.

In a test case introduced before the smoking ban was introduced, a woman in Nottingham was issued with a fixed penalty notice of £75 after dropping a cigarette butt in the street.

When she failed to pay the fine, and failed to appear in court, the fine was increased to £350 and she was ordered to pay costs. The total fine came to £522.66.

Beth Macklin, of Kingsley Smith Solicitors, said: "There are indications councils throughout the UK are taking an increasingly strong line on littering and other seemingly minor offences."

Bank's commercial team takes a new direction

HSBC has appointed a new regional commercial director for the South East.

Ian Legg will command a team of 300 expert commercial bankers in providing businesses with advice on insurance, savings, pensions and borrowing.

The team also provides specialist advice on best practice for companies trading internationally.

Mr Legg said: "I am delighted to be leading such a strong commercial team. This is an exciting time for the South East's business community – it is a flourishing region with growing and innovative businesses."

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The annual environment awards are helping to spread best practice

Technology means big business for our families

■ BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

FAMILY-OWNED small businesses are prospering, according to a study by BT Business.

The report found that 44 per cent of small businesses across Kent were owned and managed by families, and that 39 per cent of family-owned companies were run by husband-and-wife teams.

The study discovered that more than 60 per cent of small businesses in Kent felt that new technology, such as broadband internet access, had improved their productivity and reduced administrative work.

Terry Hughes, regional director for BT Local Business South East, commented: "It is fantastic to see the South East small business community thriving, particularly with family-run companies."

Many small businesses felt that technology had provided them with original and imaginative opportunities, according to Mr Hughes, as use of the internet gave companies an impact online that gave them an appeal outside their immediate area.

"Technology has enabled these small businesses to effectively run from locations that previously may have been deemed a risk," said Mr Hughes.

"BT Business is at the forefront of supporting small businesses with free services such as BT Tradespace, which enables them to market their business online for free, and BT Business Builder, which gives them free software to run basic business functions like accounting and human resources."

The report also looked at changes in small businesses over the last 10 years.

It found that the number of post and telecommunications enterprises, such as internet companies and call centres, had increased by 83 per cent.

The BT Business report found that small businesses are crucial to the national economy as they provide 10.55 million jobs, or 47.1 per cent of total employment, in the UK.

Small businesses also contribute £967.2 billion to the UK economy each year, or 37.2 per cent of Britain's annual turnover.



SUCCESS: With almost half the small businesses in Kent being family-owned and run, the internet has proved a useful tool in expanding their target audience

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Allstars cruise past Warriors

LLOYD Dehara scored four goals to fire Ashford Allstars into contention in the Ashford Towers Super Sixes after hammering high-flying Ashford Warriors 5-0.

The Allstars moved to within four points of the Division One summit as league leaders Bromley Green were held to a goalless draw against Stanhope.

At the bottom, The PGC secured their first win of the season with a 3-1 win against Ruckinge United.

Elsewhere, Smooth Criminals were the biggest winners of the round with a 6-0 victory against Maulers.

In Division Two, Mean Machine went top on goal difference with a convincing 5-2 win against struggling Projects FC. They overtook previous league leaders Cunning Stunts, who shared a 0-0 draw with Dynamo Szyslek.

The pick of tomorrow's fixtures at Kennington is a top versus bottom clash in Division One as Bromley Green play The PGC, who could climb off the bottom if they pull off a shock win.

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Ebbsfleet squad talk about being owned by 20,000 website fans

New boss gets the ball rolling

NEW Ashford Town boss Steve Lovell moved quickly to change the squad by bringing in five new players last week.

In his second full week in charge, Lovell used his contacts to help solve Town's goal scoring problems.

Winger Mitchell Sherwood joined from Lovell's former club Sittingbourne, while he captured two new strikers in Folkestone Invicta's Paul Jones and his son Mark Lovell from Dover Athletic.

Midfielder Ryan Briggs also joined from Invicta, while centre-back Sean Ray signed after being released by Hastings United.

Heading in the other direction, Joby Thorogood and Barry Gardner left the club.



BENCH: Lee Spiller handed over the captain's armband to new signing Sean Ray



SCORE DRAW: Ashford manager Steve Lovell brought on Walid Matata (action) in his search for an equaliser

Lovell nets point for dad with equaliser

FOOTBALL

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Ashford Town 1 Burgess Hill 1

inherited the captain's armband from Lee Spiller.

Paul Jones, the fifth new face in the squad, started on the bench.

Briggs nearly made an instant impression in the opening exchanges, but volleyed straight at Chris Winterton in the visitors' goal.

Then, in the sixth minute, the Sussex side stunned the home crowd with a slick goal on the break.

Burgess skipper Lloyd Cotton picked the ball up just inside his own half and beat three Ashford challenges, before finishing smartly with a strike that went across the outstretched Sam Moore.

Content to sit on their lead, the visitors

rarely threatened for the rest of the game.

In the second half Mitchell Sherwood, who impressed by providing great width on the right, cut inside and drilled in a fierce shot, but Winterton pulled off a first-class save.

As the game went on, Walid Matata was sent on to act as a third striker, but Ashford still struggled to create clear-cut chances, until Lovell's volley rescued a point in the final seconds.

Steve Lovell was happy to get off the mark and feels his side can only improve.

He said: "I have settled in very well and quickly, now I just need to get a run of two or three wins to push the team up the league."

"There are still a couple of players I would like to bring in to strengthen the squad. I am in talks with them and I should have them in the team by Saturday."

This Saturday, Town travel to Metropolitan Police. Kick-off is at 3pm.

• Last night, Ashford had a chance to win back-to-back games when they played Eastbourne Town. For the match report visit www.yourashford.co.uk.

Rider seeks new team to help continue climb



IN CONTROL: Sponsorship would help Scott Wilson battle his way through tough terrain in search of victory

BIKE trial ace Scott Wilson is looking for a new deal to compete in the British, European and World Championships.

The 17-year-old Lydd rider had an impressive season this year, competing in the men's categories in the British and World Championships.

In his first full term in the competitive men's British Championship, Wilson secured fifth place.

His highlight of the season came in a World Championship event in Japan, where he finished on the podium in third.

The rider, who took up the sport after watching his father

BIKE TRIAL

compete in motorcycle trials, also secured podium places in Spain, Slovakia and the Czech Republic to top a successful debut season.

Now in the close season, Wilson is looking for a deal with a new team to do battle on three fronts next season.

He said: "The ball is very much in my court. I have left my old team and I have written to various teams."

"I am just waiting to see what offers I receive before I decide who I will be riding for next season."

I have got new sponsors in B.E.S.T. for the coming season, which I need before I can compete."

For now, Wilson is training on a temporary bike, while he is waiting to sign a new deal.

His training has been hampered by a slight back injury, but the young rider is hoping visits to an osteopath will help him return to the road without causing too much disruption to his schedule.

After a successful season last year, Wilson hopes to improve and perhaps go a step further and win an event when the season kicks off next spring.



WELL BEATEN: Ashford suffered at the hands of Park House for the second time in a week after losing their league match last Saturday, 23-10. They are now out of the EDF Junior Vase competition

Junior Vase dream is over for Ashford

PARK House sent Ashford crashing out of the EDF Junior Vase just seven days after beating them in a league fixture.

It started badly for Ashford as five of the starting 15 arrived late for the game and so all the side's substitutes had to be used to start the game with 13 men.

To their credit, they withstood the onslaught from Park House who were playing with a two man advantage for 15 minutes, until the players arrived.

Then, two Ashford players both went for the same ball and collided, knocking the ball for-

RUGBY

■ BY YOURASHFORD REPORTER

Park House 36 Ashford 7

ward in the process. This gave Park House a scrum on the 20-metre line and the home side's forwards drove towards the line, before going over in the corner on 20 minutes for the first points of the game. The conversion was successful, making the score 7-0.

After 35 minutes, Park House put the first fluid move of the game together as they raced from their own 22 to make the score 12-0.

Ashford's day became even worse after half-time, when a chip by JJ Murray was collected by the home side and resulted in another try which was converted.

They held firm for 55 minutes, when Park House scored three quick tries after errors from Ashford in which the kick from the restart either went straight out, or didn't make the required ten yards.

Ashford managed to get on the scoreboard in the 75th minute when Duncan McKay intercepted a pass and with determination, shrugged off four tackles before going over for a try that was converted by Karl Harding.

Ashford are next in action on Saturday, away to Askeans.

Nets bulge as club hit goal rush



WELL DESERVED: Ashford 2nd XI battled bravely to earn a share of the points in Sittingbourne

THERE were goals aplenty for Ashford's hockey teams over the weekend as the club's nine teams hit 35 goals between them.

The men's 1st XI continued their fine run of results with an emphatic 7-2 beating of Old Bordenians at Sittingbourne.

The Old Boys were second in the Regional League and were expected to provide tough opposition.

In the end they were no match for Ashford, who under the guidance of South African Jen Wilson, are totally focused on dominating the league this year.

Sam Handley scored a hat-trick, while Andrew Hill hit a brace and Michael Wood and Chris Pearce completed the tally after an impressive team display.

The men's 2nd XI produced a well deserved 1-1 draw against a very strong Gore Court side. The game was played at a fast pace with a high level of skill from both sides. Trailing by one goal for most of the game, Ashford were

HOCKEY

inspired again by captain Matt Vincett, converting a quickly taken free-hit from Matt Barlow to level the scores.

The club's 3rd XI are still unable to field a settled side and went down 5-1 to Sevenoaks. One consolation was that young Josh Morris was drafted into the Ashford goal at the last minute to deputise for Lee Yates. He performed well and benefited greatly from the experience of playing at a much higher level.

The 4th XI lost 5-4 in a tough encounter with Gore Court. Playing on the Towers School pitch, the visitors featuring two ex-county players, were challenged all the way after a good display from Ashford.

Forward Adam Fox was in outstanding form and scored two good goals to keep Ashford in the chase until the very end.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Ladies will tee off for Medal Winners' Trophy

CHART Hills Golf Course in Tenterden is to host the Ladies Medal Winners' Trophy next week.

Club members at Chart Hills will be invited to take part in the event which is being held at the course on Wednesday, November 21.

This event in the women's calendar is quickly followed by the Ladies Stableford competition which is also to be staged at Chart Hills.

The event is open to all members and takes place on Wednesday, November 28.

Ashford Ladies hope to climb up league table

ASHFORD Ladies Rugby Club face their toughest challenge at the weekend as they take on league leaders Romford & Guideap Park.

The ladies were without a game last weekend and so go fresh into the game with the league's in-form side.

The club has only one game in December and that is against Beckenham on December 9. A win in each of those two games would take Ashford near the top of the RFU South East 2 league.

Go and train and compete in hockey competitions

BUDDING hockey players are urged to join one of the town's eight men's teams which compete in leagues around the county.

Ashford Hockey Club holds training sessions for all of its teams every Wednesday from 6pm to 7.30pm.

The 3rd XI train on a Thursday evening between 6pm and 7.30pm and all prospective players are invited to attend.

The sessions are held at the club's ground in Ball Lane, Kennington. For more information contact the club on 01233 631315.

Under-10 recruitment for kids with ambition

FIRST Touch Coaching School are looking to recruit talented under-10 players to create a trial group to form a squad next season.

Run by former Sunderland apprentice Billy Bone, First Touch nurtures youngsters with ambitions to progress.

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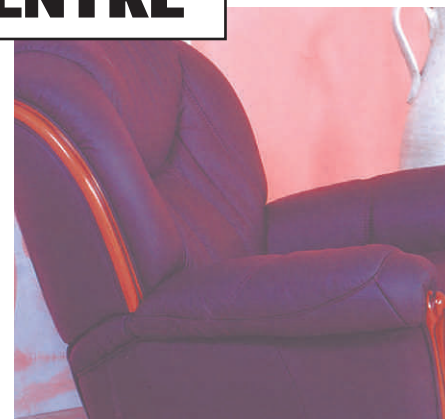
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